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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON**

2 **NOVEMBER 23, 2004, BEGINS ON PAGE 256.]**

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'LL CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. THIS
7 MORNING, IF WE'D ALL PLEASE RISE. THIS MORNING LED IN THE
8 INVOCATION BY GARY KAHN, SENIOR PASTOR, DESSERT STREAMS CHURCH
9 OF SANTA CLARITA, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY
10 WILLIAM A. WARD, SERVICE OFFICER, LAKEWOOD MEMORIAL, POST
11 NUMBER 8615, VFW OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. PASTOR KAHN?

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13 **PASTOR GARY KAHN:** WILL YOU BOW YOUR HEADS WITH ME, PLEASE?
14 HEAVENLY FATHER, FROM WHOM EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT COMES
15 FROM, WE TAKE A MOMENT IN THIS WEEK OF THANKSGIVING TO SAY
16 THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE BLESSINGS THAT YOU'VE BESTOWED
17 UPON US, THANK YOU FOR LIFE, THANK YOU FOR LOVE, THANK YOU FOR
18 LIBERTY. THIS MORNING, AS WE BEGIN, I PRAY YOUR BLESSINGS ON
19 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I THANK YOU FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS TO
20 SERVE THIS COUNTY, LORD GOD. I THANK YOU FOR THEIR LABORS. I
21 PRAY YOUR BLESSINGS UPON THEM. AND, AS WE PREPARE TO GO
22 THROUGH THE PROCEEDINGS OF TODAY, I PRAY YOUR WISDOM OVER
23 EVERYTHING THAT WILL BE SAID AND DONE. I PRAY YOUR PEACE UPON
24 THIS ASSEMBLY. THANK YOU AGAIN, IN YOUR HOLY AND MATCHLESS
25 NAME. AMEN.



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2 **WILLIAM A. WARD:** IT'S OUR CUSTOM TO FACE THE FLAG AND PLACE
3 THE HAND OVER THE HEART AND REPEAT THESE WORDS. [PLEDGE OF
4 ALLEGIANCE]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'D ASK MR. WARD TO JOIN ME HERE. IT'S MY
7 PLEASURE TO THANK AND WELCOME WILLIAM WARD ONCE AGAIN WHO IS A
8 SENIOR OFFICER, AS I MENTIONED, OF THE VFW, FROM LAKEWOOD
9 MEMORIAL POST NUMBER 8615. HE IS A RETIRED TEACHER FROM LONG
10 BEACH UNIFIED. HE SERVED IN THE MILITARY FROM 1962 THROUGH '68
11 AS A PRIVATE, FIRST CLASS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. HE
12 RECEIVED THE ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL,
13 REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL AND THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
14 CAMPAIGN MEDAL. SO WE'D LIKE TO THANK BILL ONCE AGAIN FOR
15 TAKING TIME OUT OF HIS BUSY SCHEDULE TO JOIN US AND, AS
16 ALWAYS, WE APPRECIATE HIS ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF THE PLEDGE
17 OF ALLEGIANCE. THANK YOU, BILL. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MIKE?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, IT'S A PLEASURE TO
22 HAVE PASTOR GARY KAHN HERE TODAY WHO IS FROM TRINIDAD. HE
23 MOVED TO OUR UNITED STATES WHEN HE WAS 18 YEARS OLD TO ATTEND
24 EUGENE BIBLE COLLEGE IN EUGENE, OREGON. HE AND HIS WIFE THEN
25 MOVED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHERE THEY'VE LIVED FOR THE PAST



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1 15 YEARS. AND HE'S THE SENIOR PASTOR AT DESERT STREAMS CHURCH
2 IN OUR SANTA CLARITA VALLEY FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS SO, PASTOR
3 KAHN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR OPENING OUR MEETING WITH PRAYER
4 AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE YEARS AHEAD. [
5 APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL THEN PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.
8 VIOLET?

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
11 BOARD. WE'LL ANNOUNCE THE CONTINUED ITEMS UNDER THE PUBLIC
12 HEARINGS. WE'LL GO THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND THEN,
13 AFTER THE BOARD'S PRESENTATIONS, WE'LL TAKE UP THE PUBLIC
14 HEARING ITEMS. SO WE'LL START ON PAGE 5, WITH ITEM NUMBER 5
15 AND WE HAVE A REQUEST TO CONTINUE THE ITEM FOR-- CONTINUE THE
16 ITEM TO JANUARY 25TH, 2004. WHO REQUESTED IT?

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BY WHO? ON ITEM NUMBER 5? WHO IS REQUESTING
19 THE CONTINUANCE?

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S THE PLANNING ITEMS, CORRECT?

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES, THAT'S THE PLANNING ACT...

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BUT WHO IS REQUESTING THE CONTINUANCE?



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2 **RAY FORTNER, COUNTY COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'VE JUST BEEN
3 ADVISED THAT THE APPLICANT DID NOT POST THE PROPERTY PROPERLY
4 IN COMPLIANCE WITH LAW AND SO THE MATTER HAS TO BE CONTINUED
5 SO THE POSTING CAN TAKE PLACE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED, THEN. WE NEED TO DO
8 WHO DOES IT. I MEAN, WE JUST DON'T CONTINUE ITEMS OUT OF THE
9 BLUE BUT THANK YOU.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SO, ON PAGE 6, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS,
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 8 THROUGH 14. ON ITEM NUMBER 14,
13 HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ADMINISTRATIVE-- AND THE REST
14 ARE BEFORE YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
17 BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
18 SO ORDERED.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE ITEM THAT WAS HELD? I'M SORRY?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ITEM 14.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 14. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 15 AND
25 16. ON ITEM 16, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 15, THEN, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT,
3 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES. ON ITEM 17, HOLD FOR
6 CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. MENTAL
7 HEALTH, ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK
8 CONTINUANCE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS. ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR
13 YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE
14 DEPARTMENT.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, AN ORDINANCE
19 AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE
20 RELATING TO THE ADDITION OR CHANGING OF NUMBER OF ORDINANCE
21 POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH
22 AND PROBATION. AND WE'RE GOING TO HOLD THAT FOR SUPERVISOR
23 YAROSLAVSKY. ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 21.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
2 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTER, ITEMS 22 AND 23. MR.
5 CHAIRMAN, ON ITEM 22, PUBLIC WORKS HAS SUBMITTED A MEMORANDUM
6 AND RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD CONTINUE THE AUTHORIZATION FOR
7 THE EMERGENCY CONTRACT AND THAT YOUR BOARD REVIEW THE MATTER
8 AGAIN IN 14 DAYS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. CHAIR WOULD MOVE THAT. SECONDED BY
11 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND, ON ITEM 23, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN
14 SHEET, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM
15 BE CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 7, 2004.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
20 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
21 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
22 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON
23 ITEM 24-A, WE HAVE ONE CHANGE AND THAT'S ON THE...

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** JULY 2005 VERSUS APRIL OF 2005?



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S RIGHT. IT SHOULD BE JULY.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE
5 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND 24-B IS BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR
10 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE AGENDA. BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
14 NUMBER FOUR.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** TODAY, WE ARE WELCOMING THE NEW CONSUL-
17 GENERAL OF FRANCE, THE HONORABLE PHILIPPE LARREAU. CONSUL-
18 GENERAL LARREAU HAS A LAW DEGREE AND GRADUATED FROM THE-- ARE
19 THEY HERE? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I'LL TURN THAT OVER TO YOU.
20 WE'LL WAIT TO WELCOME THE CONSUL-GENERAL WHEN HE'S HERE. ALL
21 RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, IT'S A PLEASURE TO
24 WELCOME CAPTAIN DWIGHT MCKENNA, WHO IS A 35-YEAR VETERAN OF
25 OUR CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, WHO IS NOW RETIRING AS THE



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1 BALDWIN PARK AREA COMMANDER. HE SERVED TWO YEARS IN THE UNITED
2 STATES ARMY AND HE BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE HIGHWAY PATROL IN
3 1969, WHERE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO SOUTH LOS ANGELES AREA. IN
4 1979, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE ACADEMY, WHERE HE WAS PROMOTED TO
5 THE RANK OF SERGEANT IN 1980. DURING THE FIVE YEARS AT THE
6 CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL'S ACADEMY, ACADEMIC TRAINING UNIT,
7 HE INSTRUCTED 27 CADET CLASSES. IN 1988, HE RECEIVED HIS
8 BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT LOS
9 ANGELES, THEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT IN 1989 AND
10 COMMANDER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN 1995.
11 FOLLOWING THE PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN IN 2000, HE WAS
12 APPOINTED AS THE COMMANDER OF THE BALDWIN PARK AREA. SO, ON
13 BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE WANT TO COMMEND HIM FOR
14 HIS YEARS AND DEDICATION TO OUR STATE AND TO OUR COMMUNITY.
15 HE'S ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, KAREN, CHIEF PADILLA, ASSISTANT
16 CHIEF AUSTIN VEDO AND SERGEANT DOMINGUEZ, SERGEANT LUKES AND
17 OFFICER ESCOVEDO AND OFFICER JOLAN. SO, CONGRATULATIONS,
18 DWIGHT AND I HOPE YOU STAY INVOLVED. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **CAPTAIN DWIGHT MCKENNA:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE LOS ANGELES
21 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS IS A REAL HONOR. IT'S BEEN A
22 WONDERFUL 35 YEARS WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL. I'VE
23 BEEN ALL OVER THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I REALLY LOVE LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY AND I CAN JUST PROMISE YOU ONE THING, THAT THE
25 1,200 UNIFORM MEMBERS OF THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL THAT



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1 ARE NOW CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE PROUD TO
2 SERVE YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SPEAKER:** AGAIN, JUST ON BEHALF OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE
5 CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SERVING THE GREAT CITIZENS OF THE
6 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IT'S OUR PLEASURE TO BE HERE TO
7 RECOGNIZE CAPTAIN MCKENNA AND HIS WONDERFUL WIFE, KAREN, ON
8 THEIR PENDING RETIREMENT AND WE THANK DWIGHT FOR THE GREAT JOB
9 HE DID THE WHOLE TIME HE WAS HERE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [
10 APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW, WE HAVE A LITTLE BOY WHO IS 10 WEEKS
13 OLD. HIS NAME IS FELIX. HE'S A DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR WHO IS
14 LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO THIS IS FELIX. ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE
15 WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT HIM, YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644 IF
16 YOU'RE AT HOME, OR IN THE AUDIENCE, ANYBODY'D LIKE TO ADOPT
17 LITTLE FELIX? HE DOESN'T COME WITH A CHEVROLET, THOUGH. FAMOUS
18 NICK SHAMUS. [MEOWING]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OH, MY GOODNESS! DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING
21 HERE? [MEOWING]

22

23 **ALL:** AWWWW!

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT HIM? WARREN,
2 YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE HER TO K.T.L.A.? HUH? THIS WOULD BE NUMBER
3 FOUR. [MEOWING CONTINUES]

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. NOW WE'RE GOING TO WELCOME THE NEW
6 CONSUL-GENERAL OF FRANCE, THE HONORABLE PHILIPPE LARREAU.
7 CONSUL-GENERAL LARREAU HAS A LAW DEGREE AND GRADUATED FROM THE
8 INSTITUTE OF STUDY OF POLITICS AND SCHOOL OF NATIONAL
9 ADMINISTRATION FOR FRENCH LEADERS IN-- FOR FUTURE LEADERS IN
10 THE FRENCH CIVIL SERVICE. HE THEN JOINED THE FRENCH MINISTRY
11 OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN JUNE OF 1980 AND SERVED AS FIRST
12 SECRETARY TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN BRASILIA UNTIL 1982. HE
13 COMES TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFTER HOLDING POSTS AT THE FRENCH
14 EMBASSIES IN SINGAPORE AND WARSAW. CONSUL-GENERAL LARREAU
15 SERVED AS CONSUL-GENERAL OF FRANCE IN ALGIERS FOR FOUR YEARS.
16 IN SEPTEMBER 2004, HE TOOK UP HIS PRESENT POST HERE IN LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY WITH JURISDICTION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
18 ARIZONA, COLORADO, NEW MEXICO AND SOUTHERN NEVADA. HE IS A
19 KNIGHT IN THE FRENCH ORDER OF NATIONAL ORDER OF MERIT, HE IS
20 ACCOMPANIED IN LOS ANGELES BY HIS WIFE AND THREE-YEAR-OLD
21 CHILD. SO WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME HIM AND PRESENT THIS
22 PLAQUE AS A SMALL TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION AND WELCOME HERE
23 TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **CONSUL-GENERAL LARREAU:** WELL, MR. CHAIRMAN, FIRST OF ALL, I
2 WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WELCOME. IT'S AN HONOR AND A
3 PLEASURE INDEED TO BE WITH YOU TODAY. ALTHOUGH I STILL HAVE
4 MUCH TO LEARN ABOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, I ALREADY KNOW
5 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS ONE OF ITS MOST PRESTIGIOUS
6 AND POWERFUL ELEMENTS. TOGETHER WITH MY DEPUTY, GERARD
7 BLENSON, AND MY ASSISTANT, MARIE-FRANCE TWILLING, I WOULD LIKE
8 TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE FRENCH CONSULATE IN LOS ANGELES
9 SINCERELY HOPES TO DEVELOP ITS TIES WITH THE LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY. IN OTHER WORDS, I THINK THAT IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO
11 FOSTER THE TIES BETWEEN THE AMERICANS AND THE FRENCH HERE
12 UNLESS WE WORK STRONGLY AND FRIENDLY TOGETHER. I KNOW THAT
13 THERE IS ALREADY AN ONGOING AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION IN THE
14 FIELD OF CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY. I TRUST THIS WILL
15 CONTINUE, GIVEN THE COMMON INTERESTS AT STAKE AND THE
16 IMPORTANCE OF THE CONTACTS ON BOTH SIDES. BUT, DURING MY
17 ASSIGNMENT IN LOS ANGELES, I WOULD LIKE TO FOSTER THE TIES,
18 OUR TIES ON THE ECONOMIC, BUSINESS AND TRADE SECTOR. THOUGH
19 LOS ANGELES, BY ITSELF, IS ONE OF THE TOP ECONOMIES IN THE
20 WORLD, WE HAVE NOT SET UP A SINGLE, SIMPLE, PRAGMATIC AND
21 PROFITABLE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CONSULATES AND THE COUNTY
22 OF LOS ANGELES. AND I KNOW THAT WE HAVE OFFICIALS OF COMMON
23 INTERESTS, TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH, CULTURE AND MANY OTHER
24 ISSUES. BE ASSURED THAT MY COLLEAGUES AND I ARE AT YOUR
25 DISPOSAL TO EXPLORE AND CARRY OUT PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST.



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1 I THANK YOU FOR YOUR WELCOME. THANK YOU AGAIN. AND I-- AND WE
2 LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL THE COUNTY LIFEGUARD AND
7 PERSONNEL FORWARD. LIFEGUARDS SAVE LIVES AND THEY FULFILL THIS
8 MISSION IN AN EXEMPLARY MANNER AND THEY DID IT LAST AUGUST
9 25TH WHEN YOUNG HERBERTO RIVERA, CALLED ERIC BY HIS FRIENDS,
10 HAD A SEIZURE IN THE SWIMMING POOL AT WILL ROGERS PARK. ERIC
11 HAD ALREADY HAD ONE SEIZURE AT THE PARK AND THE DAY OF AUGUST
12 25TH, POOL MANAGER, CHARLES REED, ASKED ERIC IF HE TAKEN EATEN
13 AND IF HE HAD TAKEN HIS MEDICATION BEFORE HE WAS ALLOWED TO
14 GET INTO THE POOL. REED CHECKED, FROM TIME TO TIME THROUGHOUT
15 THE DAY, AS ERIC PLAYED, DIVED AND RAN AROUND WITH HIS
16 FRIENDS. AROUND 2:30 THAT AFTERNOON, REED HEARD CHILDREN
17 CALLING FOR ROSIE VERDEN, THE LIFEGUARD ON DUTY. ROSIE
18 SIGNALLED TO BRIDGET BUICK, THE SENIOR LIFEGUARD, FOR BACKUP.
19 REED RAN TO THE POOL AS ROSIE JUMPED INTO THE SHALLOW END AND
20 TURNED ERIC FACE-UP. SHE FOUND ERIC WAS NOT BREATHING. BRIDGET
21 ARRIVED TO HELP AND ROSIE BEGAN GIVING ERIC RESCUE BREATHS
22 WHILE THEY WERE STILL IN THE POOL. JOSEPH COOK, THE LOCKER
23 ROOM ATTENDANT, JUMPED INTO THE POOL TO HELP GET ERIC OUT OF
24 THE POOL. IN THE MEANTIME, REED ASKED SAFETY OFFICERS TO CALL
25 THE RESCUE UNIT. THEN HE JOINED IN TRYING TO LIFT ERIC FROM



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1 THE POOL BUT ERIC WAS TOO HEAVY. ERIC TURNED BLUE. REED
2 CONTINUED GIVING RESCUE BREATHS AS HE AND THE TWO LIFEGUARDS
3 STRUGGLED TO REMOVE ERIC FROM THE POOL. THEY FINALLY WRESTLED
4 HIM ONTO THE DECK, WHERE ERIC STARTED TO COUGH AND SPIT UP
5 WATER. THEN ERIC BEGAN SEIZING AGAIN. LIFEGUARDS TRENDELL
6 MASON AND THOMACELL THOMPSON RAN UP TO HELP. MASON SUPPORTED
7 ERIC AS THOMPSON SUPPLIED ERIC WITH OXYGEN AND FIRST AID TO
8 MINOR CUTS. THE RESCUE UNIT ARRIVED AND HAD TO GIVE ERIC
9 SEVERAL INJECTIONS TO STOP THE SEIZURE. THE UNIT THEN TOOK
10 ERIC TO ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL FOR STABILIZATION. THE FIRE
11 CAPTAIN RETURNED TO COMPLIMENT THE POOL'S STAFF FOR THEIR
12 QUICK RESPONSE TO ERIC'S LIFE-THREATENING SITUATION. I'M VERY
13 PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE THE LIFEGUARDS AND OTHER PARK PERSONNEL
14 WHO SAVED ERIC'S LIFE. THEIR CARING AND THEIR OUTSTANDING
15 CONTRIBUTION TO THE SAFETY OF PEOPLE WHO VISIT THE PARK MADE
16 US ALL PROUD. WE HAVE JOHN WICKER HERE, WHO IS THE ASSISTANT
17 REGIONAL DIRECTOR, WILL SPEAK AND ALSO STAN LEE, OUR PARKS
18 COMMISSIONER, WOULD PLEASE COME FORWARD.

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20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND THANK YOU, EVERYONE,
21 FOR TAKING THE TIME TO RECOGNIZE OUR STAFF TODAY. THIS IS
22 TRULY AN HONOR FOR ALL OF US AND I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL
23 OF OUR STAFF FOR A TRULY GREAT RESCUE. THEY TRULY WORKED AS A
24 TEAM ON THAT DAY AND THE END RESULT WAS A SAVED LIFE, SO
25 THERE'S NOTHING MORE YOU CAN SAY. I MEAN, THIS WAS JUST A



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1 TERRIFIC EVENT AND THEY REALLY SAVED THE LIFE OF ONE OF OUR
2 YOUTHS AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF ALL OF THEM.

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4 **SPEAKER:** I'D LIKE TO ECHO THOSE SENTIMENTS. OUR STAFF DO AN
5 EXCELLENT JOB. AS ONE OF THE LIFEGUARDS TOLD ME, HE SAYS,
6 "IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD TIME WHEN WE DON'T HAVE TO SAVE ANYONE'S
7 LIFE." IN THIS CASE, WE DID SAVE SOMEONE'S LIFE AND I WANT TO
8 COMMEND CHUCK REED AND ALL THE STAFF STAFF FOR BEING SO
9 EXPEDITIOUS IN THEIR ABILITY TO PROVIDE C.P.R. AND TO BRING
10 THIS PERSON BACK AROUND. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** AND NOW MAY I PRESENT CHARLES REED.
13 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A WORD?

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17 **CHARLES REED:** IT'S NOT JUST A JOB, IT'S WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE
18 DO. [APPLAUSE]

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20 **SUP. BURKE:** SENIOR LIVE GUARD, RICHARD BROOKS. THANK YOU.
21 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** ROSALYN VERDEN, WHO IS LIFEGUARD. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** TRENDALL MASON, LIFEGUARD. IT'S LIKE MACON,
2 GEORGIA. MACON. TRENDALL MACON. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** THOMACELL THOMPSON, LIFEGUARD. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** AND I WANTED TO PARTICULARLY SAY SOME OF THE
7 PEOPLE WHO WORKED WERE NOT LIFEGUARDS, THEY WERE PEOPLE WHO
8 WERE THERE IN OTHER KINDS OF ROLES AND OTHER JOBS AND THEY
9 STILL JUMPED IN THE POOL. AND WE HAVE TO REALLY GIVE A LOT OF
10 CREDIT TO OUR LIFEGUARDS AND ALSO TO OUR POOL PERSONNEL WHO
11 MAKE SURE OUR POOLS ARE SAFE. AT-- SOMETIMES RISK AT TO THEIR
12 OWN LIVES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND
13 OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. CONGRATULATIONS. AND WE SEE
16 LORRI THERE, REGIONAL DIRECTOR FROM OUR PARKS AND THAT YOUNG
17 MAN, INCIDENTALLY, IS BACK DOING FINE, PROBABLY STILL COMING
18 BACK TO THE POOL AS SOON AS IT REOPENS IN THE SUMMER. THAT
19 CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS. I'VE COMPLETED MINE. I'VE FINISHED
20 MINE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL MOVE TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.

23



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D ASK ALL OF THOSE WHO
2 PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON ANY OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
3 ITEMS, TO PLEASE STAND, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND AND BE SWORN IN.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THIS IS NOT...

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THIS IS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 1 THROUGH 7. DOES NOT INCLUDE THE M.L.K.
10 ISSUE.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. [ADMINISTERING OATH]

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND THE INDIVIDUAL THAT SIGNED UP ON ITEM
17 NUMBER 5, JUST SO THAT YOU UNDERSTAND, THAT ITEM HAS BEEN
18 CONTINUED TO JANUARY 24TH, OKAY, SO THAT YOU KNOW THAT. OKAY.
19 ALL RIGHT. LET'S BEGIN WITH ITEM NUMBER ONE.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NUMBER 1. HEARING ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE
22 EXISTING RATE AND METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT OF ASSESSMENTS TO
23 ALLOW FOR ANNUAL COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN LANDSCAPE
24 AND LIGHTING DISTRICT NUMBER 2, ZONE 26, EMERALD CREST. AND WE
25 HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE NEED A STAFF STATEMENT PRIOR TO
3 TABLING TO COUNT THE BALLOTS. IDENTIFY YOURSELF, PLEASE.

4

5 **RUTH ROESS:** MY NAME IS RUTH ROESS.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. WE NEED THE MICROPHONE ON UP
8 HERE. OKAY. GO AHEAD.

9

10 **RUTH ROESS:** MY NAME IS RUTH ROESS AND I AM THE...

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** RAISE IT UP A LITTLE BIT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **RUTH ROESS:** ...ADMINISTRATOR OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS FOR THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. I'M FAMILIAR WITH THESE
16 PROCEEDINGS TO CHANGE THE RATE AND METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT OF
17 ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPING L.L.A. DISTRICT NUMBER 2, ZONE 26
18 EMERALD CREST. THE PROPOSED CHANGE WILL ALLOW FOR THE ANNUAL
19 COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS TO REFLECT MOVEMENT IN THE CONSUMER
20 PRICE INDEX COMMENCING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2006/'07. IN MY
21 OPINION, ALL OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN ZONE 26 WILL BE BENEFITED
22 BY THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS
23 HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO THE BENEFITS TO BE RECEIVED.
24 WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY PROTESTS.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THEN, IT WOULD
2 BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME-- I GUESS, DO YOU WANT TO SAY
3 THAT, VIOLET, OR DO YOU WANT ME TO SAY IT?

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YOU CAN SAY IT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECT THE
8 TABULATION OF THE BALLOTS AND WE'LL TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER
9 IN THE MEETING UNTIL THE TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY--
10 FOR ACTION BY OUR BOARD AND I WOULD MOVE THAT ACTION, SECONDED
11 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 2, HEARING ON UPDATE TO THE
14 DEVELOPER FEE PROGRAM, THE DEVELOPER FEE DETAILED FIRE STATION
15 PLAN AND APPROVAL OF THE 2004 DEVELOPER FEE UPDATE FEE
16 CALCULATION SUMMARY AND TO INCREASE DEVELOPER FEE TO REFLECT
17 CURRENT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LAND ACQUISITION, FIRE STATION
18 CONSTRUCTION, PURCHASE OF APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT AND
19 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FEE COLLECTION AND
20 PROJECT FACILITIES MANAGEMENT. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS,
21 MR. CHAIRMAN.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE DO HAVE A MEMBER OF THE
24 PUBLIC SIGNED UP. MR. BAXTER.

25



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1 **RICK WEISS, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE IS A BRIEF STAFF
2 STATEMENT AS WELL.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT THAT PRIOR TO MR. BAXTER?

5

6 **RICK WEISS, COUNSEL:** WHATEVER YOUR BOARD PREFERS.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. BAXTER, GO AHEAD.

9

10 **PETER BAXTER:** MR. PRES-- MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE
11 BOARD, MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER
12 BAXTER AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
13 THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM RELATES TO THE CURRENT FIREFIGHTING
14 METHOD OF EMPLOYING WATER TO PUT OUT HOSTILE FIRES. IF,
15 HOWEVER, STEAM WAS TO BE USED IN FIGHTING FIRE IN ORDER TO
16 PROHIBIT THE CONSTANT ENTRY OF FRESH AIR AND THEREFORE OXYGEN
17 TO A FIRE SITE, THIS AGENDA ITEM WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY.
18 DENYING OXYGEN TO A FIRE WAS DEMONSTRATED IN 1991 IN THE OIL
19 WELL FIRES OF KUWAIT, WHEN ABOUT 15 OIL WELL FIRES WERE PUT
20 OUT BY USING THE EMISSIONS FROM TWIN TURBO JET ENGINES TO
21 DEPRIVE THE OIL WELL FIRE OF OXYGEN. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
22 BRING THIS PHENOMENON TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD
23 ON NOVEMBER THE 5TH, 1991, TOGETHER WITH MR. LEONARD SHAPIRO,
24 WHO I MIGHT SAY, SIR, IS PRESENT HERE IN THIS AUDITORIUM AT
25 THIS TIME, WHO HAD OBSERVED THAT ACTIVITY ON A CABLE T.V.



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1 PRESENTATION. I AM SUGGESTING THE USE OF STEAM TODAY AS A
2 MEANS OF SHUTTING OFF OXYGEN FROM A FIRE SITE. ALTHOUGH THE
3 PRINCIPLE IS IDENTICAL TO THE USE OF TURBO JET ENGINE
4 EMISSIONS, STEAM IS AN EASIER MEDIUM TO DEAL WITH IN PRACTICAL
5 OPERATIONS, ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. THANK YOU,
6 MR. CHAIRMAN. AND, IF I MAY SAY, SIR, AN OFFICER IN THE FIRE
7 DEPARTMENT WENT BY-- I PASSED HIM THIS MORNING AND, ALTHOUGH I
8 DIDN'T KNOW HIM, HE SAID, "GOOD MORNING, MR. BAXTER," AND I
9 THOUGHT THAT WAS VERY KIND OF HIM.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE SEES YOU ON TELEVISION EVERY WEEK.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. BAXTER.

16

17 **PETER BAXTER:** EXCUSE ME, SIR?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE SEES YOU ON TELEVISION EVERY WEEK.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. HAVE A
22 NICE THANKSGIVING.

23

24 **PETER BAXTER:** I'M HERE FOR A PURPOSE AND NOT...

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. NOW WE WILL HAVE STAFF STATEMENT,
2 PLEASE.

3
4 **LORRAINE BUCK:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LORRAINE BUCK. I AM A
5 PLANNING ANALYST FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION
6 DISTRICT. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS TO UPDATE THE
7 DEVELOPER FEE, THE DETAILED FIRE STATION PLAN AND DEVELOPER
8 FEE UPDATE FEE CALCULATION SUMMARY FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE
9 PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR 2004. THE UPDATED DETAILED FIRE
10 STATION PLAN AND DEVELOPER FEE UPDATE FEE CALCULATION SUMMARY
11 WERE PREPARED IN MY OFFICE AND UNDER MY SUPERVISION. THE
12 DEVELOPER FEE PROGRAM WAS IMPLEMENTED IN AUGUST 1990 TO FUND
13 THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF
14 FIRE STATION FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT'S HIGH GROWTH URBAN
15 EXPANSION AREAS. WE ARE RECOMMENDING AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT
16 OF THE DEVELOPER FEE FROM .3716 DOLLARS TO .3877 DOLLARS PER
17 SQUARE FOOT OF NEW FLOOR AREA. THERE CONTINUES TO BE A
18 REASONABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE USE OF THE DEVELOPER FEE
19 AND THE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UPON WHICH THE FEE IS
20 IMPOSED. THERE IS A REASONABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NEED
21 FOR THE FACILITIES TO BE FINANCED BY THE FEE AND THE TYPE OF
22 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UPON WHICH THE FEE IS IMPOSED. THERE'S
23 ALSO A REASONABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AMOUNT OF THE
24 DEVELOPER FEE AND THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND



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1 EQUIPPING THE NECESSARY FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES. WE ARE
2 AWARE OF NO PROTESTS TO THE RECOMMENDED ACTION.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. OTHER-- IF NOT-- ANY QUESTIONS? IT
5 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CHAIR WOULD
6 MOVE THAT. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. WE HAVE NO-- DO WE
7 HAVE ANYONE SIGNED UP FOR ITEM NUMBER 2 OTHER THAN MR. BAXTER?
8 OKAY. IF NOT, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. MOVED BY
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NEXT IS ITEM NUMBER 3. IS THERE
11 ANYONE SIGNED UP ON ITEM NUMBER 3? NO STAFF STATEMENT'S
12 REQUIRED.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT'S A HEARING TO GRANT A FIVE-YEAR
15 PETROLEUM PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO UNION OIL COMPANY TO COLLECT,
16 TRANSPORT AND DISTRIBUTE PETROLEUM AND OTHER PRODUCTS IN THE
17 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF WESTMONT/WEST ATHENS, WEST
18 COMPTON/WILLOWBROOK, SOUTH SAN GABRIEL/WHITTIER NARROWS AND
19 SOUTH WHITTIER/EAST LA MIRADA. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS,
20 MR. CHAIRMAN.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL OPEN UP THE PUBLIC HEARING.
23 ANYONE SIGNED UP ON ITEM NUMBER 3? IF NOT, THEN WE'LL CLOSE
24 THE PUBLIC HEARING. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED



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1 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTING "NO". WHAT A
2 GREAT GUESS. OKAY. SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 4.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE
5 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, TO MAKE THE VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION
6 OF THE COUNTY CODE SUBJECT TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE AND A
7 NONCOMPLIANCE FEE AND TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURES FOR
8 IMPOSITION, ENFORCEMENT, COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW
9 OF SAID FINES AND FEES. AND, MR. CHAIRMAN, I'LL ALSO READ THE
10 ORDINANCE INTO THE RECORD. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 1,
11 GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE TO ADD
12 CHAPTER 1.25 RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE
13 FINES AND NONCOMPLIANCE FEES FOR THE VIOLATION OF ANY
14 PROVISIONS OF THE CODE AND THE PROCEDURES FOR IMPOSITION
15 ENFORCEMENT COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF SAID
16 FINES. AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IS THERE ANYONE TO SIGNED UP ON ITEM
19 NUMBER 4? IF NOT, THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED FOR A
2 MONTH OR TO WHENEVER THE NEXT PLANNING MEETING IS. WHEN IS THE
3 NEXT PLANNING MEETING?

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S JANUARY 25TH.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 4?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I'D JUST INDICATE WHY BRIEFLY. I AND MY
14 STAFF ARE CONCERNED. THIS IS SOMETHING WE INITIATED SOME TIME
15 AGO, THAT THE ORDINANCE IS KIND OF A SHELL ORDINANCE AND WE
16 NEED MORE OF AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND MORE MEAT ON THE BONES
17 OF THIS ORDINANCE AND I THINK IT WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE IF THAT
18 CAME BACK AS PART OF THIS, COMPREHENSIVELY, RATHER THAN
19 PIECEMEAL. DOES THAT-- RICK, DOES THAT MAKE SENSE TO YOU?

20

21 **RICK WEISS, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU
22 ARE CORRECT. THE ORDINANCE, IN ESSENCE, IS AN ENABLING
23 ORDINANCE THAT PROVIDES FOR THE IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE
24 FINES AND NONCOMPLIANCE FEES IN CONNECTION WITH ANY VIOLATION
25 OF THE COUNTY CODE. IT WAS NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT



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1 BY DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLANS BUT, CERTAINLY, I BELIEVE
2 WE CAN WORK TO COME BACK WITH SOME SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW IT
3 CAN OR SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED ACROSS DEPARTMENTS. SO WE WOULD
4 HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PROVIDING MORE INFORMATION.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. DO YOU THINK YOU COULD DO THAT IN
7 THE NEXT 60 DAYS?

8

9 **RICK WEISS, COUNSEL:** I BELIEVE WE CAN CERTAINLY, WORKING WITH
10 WITH THE C.A.O. AND THE INVOLVED DEPARTMENTS, I THINK WE CAN
11 ADDRESS WITH THEM SUGGESTED PROTOCOL AND IMPLEMENTATION.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THERE'S NO-- WE DON'T LOSE ANYTHING BY
14 PUTTING THIS ONE OVER FOR THAT PERIOD OF TIME BECAUSE THERE'S
15 NOTHING TO IMPLEMENT AT THIS POINT IN ANY CASE.

16

17 **RICK WEISS, COUNSEL:** WELL, THE ONLY THING THAT WOULD BE
18 DELAYED WOULD BE-- THERE ARE CERTAIN CHAPTERS AND CERTAIN
19 PROVISIONS IN THE COUNTY CODE ALREADY WHICH HAVE THIS, IN
20 ESSENCE, THIS MECHANISM AVAILABLE. OTHERS DO NOT. SO IT MIGHT
21 RESULT IN THE DELAY OF IMPOSITION OF SOME ADMINISTRATIVE
22 PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS OF THE COUNTY CODE BUT THAT
23 WOULD BE MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO. WE WOULDN'T BE LOSING
24 ANYTHING FROM WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE THE ITEM 'TIL
2 JANUARY 25TH?

3

4 **RICK WEISS, COUNSEL:** I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THINGS LIKE
5 NUISANCE ABATEMENT, BUILDING REHABILITATION, THOSE ARE NOT
6 AFFECTED BY THIS ORDINANCE. SO CODE COMPLIANCE, AS IT EXISTS
7 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REGIONAL PLANNING, THOSE CAN
8 CONTINUE ON AS THEY CURRENTLY DO. THE FAILURE TO ADOPT THE
9 ORDINANCE WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THAT AT THIS POINT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I WOULD MOVE THAT WE CONTINUE
12 THIS 'TIL THE JANUARY PLANNING MEETING.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WITH POTENTIAL CHANGES, THEN, WE'LL
15 KEEP THE PUBLIC HEARING OPEN.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITH THE LIMITATION PLAN AND THE DETAILS
18 COMING BACK AT THAT TIME. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND WE'LL KEEP THE PUBLIC HEARING OPEN.
21 OKAY. THEN WE'LL GO ON TO ITEM-- SO ORDERED. GO ON TO ITEM
22 NUMBER 6.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WE HAVE A DE NOVO HEARING ON CONDITIONAL
25 USE PERMIT CASE 02-236-5 AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION TO



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1 AUTHORIZE THE STORAGE AND EXPORT OF SPRING WATER, INCLUDING
2 THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THREE WATER TANK FARMS,
3 TWO LOADING STATIONS AND ASSOCIATED SPRING WATER DELIVERY
4 PIPES WITH EXISTING RESIDENCE TO BE USED FOR CARETAKER FOR
5 PROPERTY LOCATED AT 39439 GORMAN POST ROAD, GORMAN, CASTAIC
6 ZONE DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY JAMES ORR AND WE HAVE RECEIVED
7 WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

8

9 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD
10 MORNING, I AM RUSSELL FRICANO OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
11 PLANNING. TO MY LEFT IS DENNIS HUNTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 PUBLIC WORKS, AND TO MY RIGHT IS DR. DARYL KOUTNIK OF THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THIS CASE IS AN APPEAL OF A
14 APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER 02-2365. ON
15 SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2004, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED
16 A REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE STORAGE AND EXPORT OF SPRING WATER,
17 INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THREE WATER TANK
18 FARMS, TWO LOADING STATIONS, AND ASSOCIATED SPRING WATER
19 DELIVERY PIPES IN THE A25 HEAVY AGRICULTURAL FIVE-ACRE MINIMUM
20 AREA ZONE. THE WATER WOULD BE PIPED FROM NATURAL SPRINGS
21 LOCATED AT A HIGHER ELEVATION IN THE MOUNTAIN AND STORED IN
22 TANKS FOR FUTURE SHIPMENT BY TRUCK TO WATER BOTTLING COMPANIES
23 IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA. AN EXISTING RESIDENCE WOULD
24 BE USED AS A CARETAKER'S RESIDENCE. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS
25 LOCATED AT 39439 GORMAN POST ROAD, SOUTHEAST OF THE



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1 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF GORMAN. AND ACCESS TO THE SITE IS
2 THROUGH GORMAN POST ROAD. THE SITE IS 1.1 MILES FROM THE
3 GORMAN ON/OFF RAMPS OF THE I-5 FREEWAY AND 3.5 MILES FROM THE
4 HIGHWAY 138 TO THE EAST. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS IN THE
5 CASTAIC CANYON ZONE DISTRICT. DEVELOPMENT WOULD CONSIST OF A
6 MAXIMUM OF EIGHT WATER TANKS WITH A CAPACITY OF 12,000 TO
7 15,000 GALLONS AND ASSOCIATED PIPING. SMALL PUMP SHEDS OF
8 APPROXIMATELY A HUNDRED SQUARE FEET WOULD BE REQUIRED AT EACH
9 STATION. THE PROJECT HAS RECEIVED A MITIGATED NEGATIVE
10 DECLARATION UNDER CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
11 GUIDELINES. FOR THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC
12 HEARING, STAFF RECEIVED 15 LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT,
13 16 LETTERS AND A NINE-SIGNATURE PETITION IN OPPOSITION.
14 SUBSEQUENT TO THE PUBLIC HEARING, STAFF HAS RECEIVED 13
15 LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDE THE GOLDEN
16 VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER COMPANY AND WE RECEIVED ONE PHONE CALL
17 IN OPPOSITION. OPPONENTS TO THIS PROJECT HAVE RAISED THE
18 FOLLOWING CONCERNS: DRAINAGE DEPLETION OF AQUIFERS,
19 DESTRUCTION OF WILD FLOWERS, TRAFFIC IMPACTS, VISUAL SCARRING
20 BY THE LOCATION OF WATER TANKS ON THE HILLSIDE. THEIR REGIONAL
21 PLANNING COMMISSION FOUND THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS,
22 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND MITIGATION MEASURES ADDRESS THESE
23 CONCERNS. AND THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.
24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? OKAY.

2 IF NOT, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE SIGNED UP. JAMES ORR. BRAD
3 NEWMAN. EDIE STAFFORD AND KATE NEISWENDER. IF YOU'LL COME
4 FORWARD. OKAY. MR. ORR. YOU'VE GOT TWO MINUTES.

5

6 **JAMES ORR:** MY NAME IS JAMES ORR, I'M THE APPLICANT FOR THIS
7 PROJECT. THE REASON THAT THIS PROJECT IS LOCATED AT THIS
8 SPECIFIC SITE IS BECAUSE DAHONE MOUNTAIN IS DIRECTLY ADJACENT
9 TO THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT AND THE GARLOCK FAULT. THAT HAS
10 RESULTED IN THIS MOUNTAIN BEING COMPRESSED OR FRACTURED. THESE
11 FRACTURES HAVE RESULTED IN VOIDS THAT ARE FULL WITH HIGH
12 QUALITY WATER. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS THE LARGEST BOTTLED
13 WATER MARKET IN THE WORLD. THERE ARE 32 INDEPENDENT BOTTLING
14 COMPANIES LOCATED IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA. WE WANT TO
15 TAP THIS SPRING SOURCE AND SHIP THIS WATER TO THEM. CURRENTLY,
16 THERE ARE NO LICENSED SPRING SOURCES OF WATER IN L.A. COUNTY.
17 THESE BOTTLERS ARE SHIPPING WATER IN FROM SAN DIEGO, INYO,
18 KERN AND TULARE COUNTIES. MANY OF THOSE TANKER TRUCKS ARE
19 GOING RIGHT BY THIS SITE TODAY. DUE TO THE LOCATION OF THIS
20 PROPERTY WITHIN THE S.E.A., WE'VE WORKED CLOSELY WITH STAFF,
21 PLANNING STAFF AND THE C-TACK COMMITTEE TO DESIGN A PROJECT
22 THAT IS ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY AND HAS LITTLE OR NO IMPACT.
23 THE MAIN THING TO KEEP IN MIND IS THAT WE ARE ONLY DEVELOPING
24 1 1/2% OF THIS SITE AND THAT INCLUDES THE EXISTING HOUSE. THAT
25 LEAVES 98 1/2% OF THE SITE IN OPEN SPACE. THERE ARE 72 SPRINGS



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1 ON THIS MOUNTAIN. THERE ARE 19 SPRINGS AND SEEPS ON OUR
2 PROPERTY. WE'RE ONLY TAPPING INTO FOUR OF THEM AND THAT LEAVES
3 15 IN THEIR NATURAL STATE. THE SPRINGS WILL BE DRILLED
4 HORIZONTALLY, LIKE THIS. THERE ARE NO PUMPS, WATER ONLY FLOWS
5 BASED ON GRAVITY. ALL THE DAILY ACTIVITY FOR TRUCKING WILL BE
6 AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILLS AND SHIELDED FROM VIEW BY BERMS AND
7 LANDSCAPING.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OF THE
10 APPLICANT? IF NOT, MR. NEWMAN?

11

12 **BRAD NEWMAN:** YES. MY NAME IS BRAD NEWMAN, I'M THE HYDRO
13 GEOLOGIST THAT PREPARED THE GROUND WATER STUDY FOR THE GOLDEN
14 VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AND MY PURPOSE IN BEING HERE
15 TODAY IS TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT COME UP ABOUT
16 GROUNDWATER RESOURCES, IF THEY DO.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. EDIE STAFFORD.

19

20 **EDIE STAFFORD:** MY NAME IS EDIE STAFFORD. I SEE MY...

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE. PLEASE. WE'LL GET YOU THE
23 MICROPHONE THERE. SORRY.

24



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1 **EDIE STAFFORD:** MY NAME IS EDIE STAFFORD AND I CEDE MY MINUTES
2 TO LYNN STAFFORD, MY HUSBAND.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **KATE NEISWENDER:** MY NAME IS KATE NEISWENDER AND I HAVE A
7 LONGER PRESENTATION THAN TWO MINUTES BUT WE HAVE A COUPLE
8 PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE THAT WERE GOING TO CEDE THEIR TIME TO
9 ME. I'M NOT SURE HOW YOU WANT TO HANDLE THAT. I AM AN ATTORNEY
10 REPRESENTING THE SIERRA CLUB IN GORMAN. WE HAVE SUBMITTED A
11 LENGTHY LETTER TO YOUR BOARD CONCERNING OUR OBJECTIONS TO THIS
12 PROJECT. I'D LIKE TO FOCUS ON JUST A FEW OF THOSE. FIRST, THIS
13 IS NOT A CASE IN WHICH A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION IS
14 APPROPRIATE. A MITIGATED NEG. DEC. IS ONLY APPROPRIATE IF ALL
15 IMPACTS CAN BE MITIGATED TO A LEVEL OF INSIGNIFICANCE. IF THE
16 RESIDENTS CAN RAISE A FAIR ARGUMENT THAT THERE WILL BE
17 UNMITIGATED ADVERSE IMPACTS, AN E.I.R. MUST BE PREPARED. ONE
18 OF THE MOST SERIOUS PROJECT IMPACTS IS FROM TRAFFIC. 44 TRUCKS
19 PER DAY SERVICING THIS PROJECT, 44 IN, 44 OUT, SEVEN DAYS A
20 WEEK, 24 HOURS A DAY, 365 DAYS A YEAR. THE TRAFFIC COMES DOWN
21 A WINDY TWO-LANE ROAD WHICH MAY HAVE TO BE WIDENED AS A
22 RESULT. THERE'S NOISE, DIESEL EXHAUST, AIR QUALITY IMPACTS,
23 GLARE FROM THE TRUCKS AT NIGHT. THE AREA ALREADY SUFFERS FROM
24 AN EXCESS OF THESE IMPACTS DUE TO ITS PROXIMITY TO THE 5
25 FREEWAY. NONE OF THIS CAN BE MITIGATED TO A LEVEL OF



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1 INSIGNIFICANCE. IN FACT, NO MITIGATION AT ALL IS PROPOSED FOR
2 THE OPERATIONS. OBVIOUSLY, THE WATER IMPACTS WILL BE
3 SIGNIFICANT. THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED IN A MOMENT BY MR.
4 STAFFORD. FURTHERMORE, THE PROJECT WILL NOT BE 10 YEARS, AS
5 WAS ORIGINALLY THOUGHT WHEN THE REPORTS WERE BEING PREPARED.
6 YOUR STAFF REPORT INDICATES IT IS A 25-YEAR PROJECT WITH A 25-
7 YEAR EXTENSION. IN FACT, MULTIPLE EXTENSIONS. WE DIDN'T FIND
8 OUT ABOUT THIS UNTIL THE MORNING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.
9 AND, IN FACT, NONE OF YOUR STAFF REPORTS LOOKED AT THIS
10 PROJECT AS A 50-YEAR OR 75-YEAR OR 100-YEAR PROJECT. IT WAS
11 LOOKED AT AS A 10-YEAR PROJECT. ON THE ISSUE OF THE MANDATORY
12 FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE, THE C.E.Q.A. GUIDELINES REQUIRE THAT
13 AN E.I.R. BE PREPARED IF THE PROJECT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO
14 THREATEN TO ELIMINATE A PLANT OR ANIMAL COMMUNITY OR TO REDUCE
15 THE NUMBER OR RESTRICT THE RANGE OF AN ENDANGERED SPECIES. THE
16 INITIAL STUDY MARKED THIS QUESTION WITH A MAYBE, RATHER THAN A
17 "YES" OR A "NO" AND THE REPORTS NEVER ADDRESSED THAT ISSUE. AS
18 WILL BE DISCUSSED BY BIOLOGIST STAFFORD, THERE ARE SEVERAL
19 RARE AND ENDANGERED SPECIES IN THE AREA AS WELL AS SPECIES OF
20 SPECIAL CONCERN. FINALLY, THERE IS THE ISSUE OF MITIGATION.
21 THE COUNTY LOOKED AT THE IMPACTS TO THE WETLANDS AND DECIDED
22 THAT IT COULDN'T DECIDE WHAT THE IMPACTS WOULD BE OR HOW
23 SEVERE THEY WOULD BE. SO, AS THE MITIGATION FOR THE IMPACTS OF
24 THIS PROJECT, COUNTY STAFF WANTS TO STUDY THE RESULTS OF THE
25 PROJECT AFTER IT'S BEEN APPROVED. THERE'S A WELL ESTABLISHED



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1 RULE IN C.E.Q.A. YOU DON'T MITIGATE A PROJECT BY STUDYING IT
2 POST-APPROVAL. THAT CASE THAT STANDS FOR THAT PROPOSITION IS
3 SUNDSTROM V. COUNTY OF MENDOCINO. IT WAS A NEGATIVE
4 DECLARATION CASE. THERE, THAT COUNTY COULD NOT DECIDE IF
5 FLOODING A DROUGHT CYCLE AREA WOULD CREATE IMPACT, SO THEY
6 ASKED FOR STUDIES. IT'S EXACTLY WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE. IN THE
7 SUNDSTROM CASE, THE COUNTY OVERTURNED THE COUNTY'S APPROVAL OF
8 THAT PROJECT AND SAID THAT POST-APPROVAL STUDIES ARE NOT
9 SUBSTITUTES FOR THE REQUIRED PRE-APPROVAL DETERMINATION OF
10 ADVERSE IMPACTS. THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION BEFORE YOU TODAY
11 WILL LIKELY RECEIVE THE SAME CHILLY RECEPTION FROM THE COURTS
12 HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AND IT MAKES SENSE. ONCE A PROJECT HAS
13 BEEN APPROVED AND CONSTRUCTED, IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO
14 DISAPPROVE IT, EVEN IF POST-APPROVAL STUDIES SHOW THE IMPACTS
15 ARE UNACCEPTABLE. C.E.Q.A. IS VERY CLEAR ON THIS POINT: A
16 PROJECT'S IMPACTS MUST BE DETERMINED BEFORE A PROJECT HAS
17 ACHIEVED A MOMENTUM THAT PRECLUDES DISAPPROVAL OR
18 MODIFICATION. WE NEED TO SLOW THIS DOWN. LOOK AT THE ADVERSE
19 IMPACTS, DETERMINE IF THE WETLANDS AND SEEPS WILL BE ADVERSELY
20 AFFECTED, DETERMINE THE IMPACTS OF TRUCK TRAFFIC, INCLUDING
21 ADDITIONAL NOISE AND AIR POLLUTION, AND WE CAN'T DO THAT IN A
22 NEG. DEC. AS I SAID, WE HAVE A VERY LENGTHY LETTER SUBMITTED
23 TO YOUR BOARD AND WE HOPE THAT YOU HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW
24 IT.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WHO GAVE YOU THE ADDITIONAL TWO
2 MINUTES?

3

4 **KATE NEISWENDER:** MR. DICKEY.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. I'LL ASK LYNN STAFFORD TO
7 COME FORWARD, MARY ANN LOCKHART AND MARY HAENSCHKE AND
8 PENELOPE MAINES. MR. STAFFORD?

9

10 **MARY HAENSCHKE:** EXCUSE ME. MARY HAENSCHKE IS MY NAME AND I'D
11 LIKE TO CEDE MY TIME TO MR. STAFFORD. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

14

15 **LYNN S. STAFFORD:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LYNN STAFFORD. I AM
16 A BIOLOGIST WITH CONSIDERABLE FIELD EXPERIENCE IN THE
17 IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THIS PROPOSED PROJECT. I STRONGLY OBJECT
18 TO THE USE OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THIS
19 PROPOSAL. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS MY CONCERNS ABOUT THE
20 BIOLOGICAL SECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS. THE BIOTA
21 REPORT IS INADEQUATE IN TWO MAJOR RESPECTS: ONE, THE FIELD
22 METHODOLOGY, PARTICULARLY FOR ANIMALS, WAS VERY INCOMPLETE.
23 TWO: THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY WAS LIMITED TO THE IMMEDIATE
24 VICINITY OF THE TARGET SPRINGS, AND DISREGARDED MAJOR
25 POTENTIAL IMPACT TO IMPORTANT NEARBY BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES.



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1 FIRST, INADEQUATE SITE BIOTA SURVEY METHODOLOGY. THE ENTIRE
2 FIELD SURVEY EFFORT WAS MINIMAL. IT INVOLVED ONLY FOUR SEVEN-
3 HOUR-DAY VISITS, THREE VISITS BY ONE INVESTIGATOR AND ONE
4 VISIT BY THREE INVESTIGATORS. THE TWO EARLY SEASON VISITS, MAY
5 3RD AND JUNE 5TH, WERE PRIMARILY FOR PLANTS BUT MISSED THE
6 HEIGHT OF THE SPRING WILDFLOWER SEASON, MARCH AND APRIL. THE
7 REPORT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT EXCEPTIONALLY LOW RAINFALL IN THE
8 PREVIOUS WINTER AND SPRING RESULTED IN CONDITIONS THAT WERE
9 SUBOPTIMAL FOR GROWTH OF MANY SPECIES OF PLANTS. THE PLANT
10 SURVEYS NEEDED TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE OF THE ANNUAL SEASONS AND
11 EXTEND MORE THAN ONE YEAR IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE POTENTIAL
12 TO DETECT THE PRESENCE OF RARE OR OCCASIONALLY OCCURRING
13 SPECIES. ALL SURVEYS OF ANIMALS OTHER THAN SNAILS AND
14 BUTTERFLIES WERE CASUAL. THE BUTTERFLY SURVEYS WERE CONDUCTED
15 IN OCTOBER. THE REPORT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE DATES ARE
16 CONSIDERED SUBOPTIMAL FOR BUTTERFLY SURVEYS. NO SPECIES
17 SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS WERE USED FOR BIRDS, MAMMALS, REPTILES, OR
18 AMPHIBIANS. ALL VISITS WERE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. AND
19 3:00 P.M., WHICH EXCLUDES PRIME OBSERVATION TIME FOR MANY
20 SPECIES. THE BEST INFORMATION THAT CAN BE EXPECTED FROM THESE
21 MINIMAL SURVEYS IS A GUESS AT POTENTIAL PRESENCE. THE PROPOSED
22 TECHNIQUE OF MONITORING THE HYDROLOGIC AND BIOTIC CONDITION OF
23 THE SPRINGS IS INADEQUATE IN THREE RESPECTS: FIRST, ALTHOUGH
24 PHOTOGRAPHIC INFORMATION CAN VALUABLE FOR RECORDING FIELD
25 BIOTIC CONDITIONS, IT CANNOT SUBSTITUTE FOR A SCIENTIFICALLY



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1 DESIGNED SAMPLING METHODOLOGY THAT EXAMINES BOTH THE
2 COMPOSITIONAL AND STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS OF THE VEGETATION.
3 SECONDLY, THE MONITORING OF BOTH THE HYDROLOGIC AND BIOTIC
4 CONDITIONS OF THE SPRINGS SHOULD BE CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE
5 LIFE OF THE PROJECT. THERE IS NO LOGIC TO DISCONTINUING THEM
6 AFTER FIVE YEARS. AFTER ALL, THE HYDROLOGY REPORT ACKNOWLEDGES
7 THAT THE TIME RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RAINFALL AND SPRING
8 RECHARGE IS NOT KNOWN. THIRDLY, THERE SHOULD BE OVERSIGHT OF
9 THE MONITORING BY AN APPROPRIATE PUBLIC AGENCY. INADEQUATE
10 ANALYSIS OF THE PROJECT'S EFFECT ON ADJACENT WETLANDS. A
11 STRING OF VARIED WETLANDS, INCLUDING WET MEADOWS, MARSHES,
12 RIPARIAN WOODLANDS AND SAG PONDS OCCUR AT BASE OF THE SLOPE
13 IMMEDIATELY BELOW THE TARGET SPRINGS AND FOR ALMOST FOUR MILES
14 SOUTHEASTWARD ALONG GORMAN POST ROAD AND THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT
15 LINE. THE BIOTA REPORT FAILED TO ADDRESS THESE WETLANDS IN THE
16 ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL IMPACT BY THE PROJECT. THE HYDROLOGY
17 STUDY DESCRIBED A DOWNWARD PERCOLATION OF GROUNDWATER THROUGH
18 THE FRACTURED ROCK OF THE SLOPE CONTAINING THE SPRINGS. THE
19 STUDY ALSO DETERMINED THAT, AT THE BASE OF THE SLOPE NEXT TO
20 GORMAN POST ROAD, THE GROUNDWATER MOVES ALONG THE SAN ANDREAS
21 FAULT LINE TO THE SOUTHEAST TOWARDS THE ADJACENT WETLANDS AND
22 SAG PONDS. THE REPORT ALSO STATES THAT THE WETLANDS AND SAG
23 PONDS RESPOND TO GROUNDWATER LEVEL. THE PROPOSAL'S HYDROLOGY
24 STUDY WAS CONCERNED WITH EFFECTS OF THE WATER EXTRACTION ON
25 RECHARGE OF THE AQUIFERS. THE STUDY DID NOT ADDRESS THE EFFECT



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1 OF OF EXTRACTION ON THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT LINE, WETLANDS AND
2 SAG PONDS BUT THE STUDY DID ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN
3 EXTRACTION AND ADJACENT WETLANDS THROUGH DISCUSSIONS OF
4 DOWNWARD PERCOLATION, GROUNDWATER MOVEMENT, TOWARDS THE
5 WETLANDS AND SAG PONDS AND THE OBSERVATION THAT THE WETLANDS
6 AND SAG PONDS RESPOND TO GROUNDWATER LEVEL. THE BIOTA REPORT
7 FAILED TO DISCUSS THE BIOLOGICAL VALUE OF WETLANDS AND SAG
8 PONDS ALONG GORMAN POST ROAD. THE WETLANDS HAVE A RICH VARIETY
9 OF PLANT COMMUNITIES. AS AN EXAMPLE OF BIODIVERSITY HERE, I
10 HAVE PERSONALLY OBSERVED NEARLY 100 SPECIES OF BIRDS IN THE
11 AREA. MOST OF THE EXPECTED FRESH WATER MARSH AND POND BIRD
12 SPECIES OCCUR HERE, MANY OF THEM NESTING. SPRING AND FALL
13 MIGRATION OF BIRD SPECIES BETWEEN THE CENTRAL VALLEY AND
14 COASTAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRINGS LARGE NUMBERS OF BIRDS
15 THROUGH THIS AREA. FLOCKS OF MIGRATING WARBLERS, HUNDREDS OF
16 ORIOLES, LARGE CIRCLING FORMATIONS OF VULTURES AND HAWKS AND
17 MANY OTHER MIGRATION PHENOMENA HAVE BEEN OBSERVED. THE BIOTA
18 REPORT FAILED TO INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF SPECIAL STATUS
19 SPECIES WITHIN THE WETLANDS AND SAG PONDS ALONG GORMAN POST
20 ROAD. TRICOLORED BLACKBIRDS ARE FOUND IN THE WETLANDS EVERY
21 NESTING SEASON. YELLOW WARBLERS MIGRATE BOTH NEST AND MIGRATE
22 IN THE AREA. WESTERN POND TURTLES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED AT ONE OF
23 THE SAG PONDS ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. HABITAT EXISTS FOR
24 SEVERAL OTHER SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES. THE BIOTA REPORT FAILED



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1 TO DISCUSS THE EFFECTS OF DRAMATICALLY INCREASED TRUCK TRAFFIC
2 ON THE WETLANDS AND SAG PONDS ALONG GORMAN POST ROAD.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF YOU COULD WRAP IT UP, MR. STAFFORD, YOUR
5 SIX MINUTES ARE UP.

6

7 **LYNN S. STAFFORD:** OKAY. I CAN. I'M ALMOST DONE. THE ADDITION
8 OF 40 HAUL TRUCKS PER DAY, EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR WILL
9 NECESSITATE CHANGES TO GORMAN POST ROAD. THE ROAD WILL NEED TO
10 BE WIDENED, STRAIGHTENED, OR REALIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE THE
11 INCREASED TRAFFIC IN A SAFE MANNER. ANY OF THE ABOVE CHANGES
12 WILL LIKELY DAMAGE THE WETLANDS, EITHER BY DIRECT DESTRUCTION
13 OR BY ALTERATION OF WATER FLOW. BASED ON THE INADEQUACY OF THE
14 REPORT TO ADDRESS IMPACTS ON THE BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES OF THE
15 AREA AND FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON
16 ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES, I REFLECTED-- RESPECTFULLY
17 REQUEST THAT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION BE RESCINDED
18 AND BE REPLACED WITH A REQUIREMENT OF A COMPLETE E.I.R. THANK
19 YOU VERY MUCH.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WOULD BE MARY ANN LOCKHART.
22 I WOULD ASK ERIC ROY ANDERSON TO JOIN US AND CHES ARTHUR.
23 OKAY. IF I SAID THAT RIGHT. OKAY. MARY ANN, GO AHEAD.

24



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1 **MARY ANN LOCKHART:** MY NAME IS MARY ANN LOCKHART AND I AM A
2 PROPERTY OWNER IN SANTA MONICA AND I AM TEMPORARILY LIVING UP
3 IN FRAZIER PARK AREA IN THE VICINITY OF GORMAN. AND I COULD
4 STAND-- SIT HERE AND GIVE YOU SOME-- AND QUANTITIES OF THE
5 TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND EXAMPLES FOR THE TEXT OF THE
6 HYDROLOGY REPORT TO POINT OUT TO YOU WHY YOU SHOULD INSIST ON
7 AN E.I.R. FOR THIS PROJECT. I COULD CHASTISE THE MEMBERS OF
8 THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR GRANTING PERMISSION FOR THIS
9 PROJECT WITHOUT ASKING FOR FURTHER RESEARCH AND INFORMATION ON
10 SUCH THING AS UNDERFLOWS AND WATERSHED BOUNDARIES. I COULD
11 TELL YOU AND I'M GOING TO TELL YOU, THAT WE THINK THE
12 HYDROLOGY REPORT, THOUGH MANY PAGES IN LENGTH, IS BASED ON
13 ASSUMPTIONS, RISING MORE FROM GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT
14 FRACTURED ROCKS HOLDING WATER THAN OF ACTUAL THOROUGH RESEARCH
15 OF THE AREA. THAT AREA HAS UNIQUE QUALITIES, INCLUDING THE
16 CLOSE VICINITY OF THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT. I COULD TELL YOU AND
17 I'M TELLING YOU THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE A LOT OF LEAPING TO
18 CONCLUSIONS WITHOUT ANY REVIEW BY OTHER HYDROLOGISTS, THAT
19 SOME JUMP SEEM TO BE TAKEN FROM A SET OF SUPPOSED FACTS TO
20 ACTIONS PROPOSED THAT PROBABLY AND MAYBE NOT CANNOT BE
21 JUSTIFIED. I KNOW I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU, I KNOW I DON'T
22 HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL LARGE HOUSING
23 DEVELOPMENTS PROPOSED FOR THE AREA ON WHICH THIS EXTRACTION
24 PROJECT IS PROPOSED. CENTENNIAL CITY, 23,000 HOMES, ARE JUST
25 AROUND THE CORNER. MOUNTAIN VILLAGE, 6,000 HOMES, IS AN EXACT



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1 IN THE WATERSHED. THERE'S ANOTHER YOU MAY NOT KNOW BECAUSE
2 THEY'RE IN KERN COUNTY, THERE'S 800-HOUSE HOME PROJECT JUST
3 ACROSS I-5 FROM THIS-- FOR THE EXTRACTION PROJECT AND THERE'S
4 MANY MORE SIMILAR SMALL PROJECTS. THESE FACTS AND THEIR
5 IMPLICATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE REPORT. AND, IN
6 FACT, THE REPORT SAID THAT THERE IS NO BIG DEVELOPMENTS BEING
7 CONSIDERED IN THE AREA. I DO WANT TO TELL YOU THAT I AM REALLY
8 TERRIFIED OF WHAT MAY HAPPEN IF A PROJECT SUCH AS THIS IS
9 ALLOWED, A PROJECT THAT WOULD SHIP OUT LOCAL WATER, WHEN IT
10 APPEARS THERE WILL BE SUCH A HUGE LOCAL DEMAND FOR THAT SAME
11 LIMITED SUPPLY OF WATER. I'M TERRIFIED WHEN IT APPEARS THAT
12 THE INFORMATION ON WHICH THE PROPOSAL IS BASED HAS NOT BEEN
13 SUBJECTED TO FURTHER INTENSE REVIEW BY OTHER OBJECTIVE
14 EXPERTS. YOU'VE JUST GOT TO REALIZE THERE HAS GOT TO BE A FULL
15 E.I.R. ON THIS PROJECT AND THERE'S NO POSSIBILITY OF YOUR
16 AVOIDING IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL
19 WRITTEN TESTIMONY, YOU CAN SUBMIT THAT FOR THE RECORD, IF
20 YOU'D LIKE.

21

22 **MARY ANN LOCKHART:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **PENELOPE MAINES:** PENELOPE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PENELOPE.

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3 **PENELOPE MAINES:** PENELOPE MAINES. AS A RESIDENT AND PROPERTY
4 OWNER IN GORMAN, I AM OPPOSED TO THE WATER EXTRACTION PROJECT
5 PROPOSED BY MR. ORR. I SHARE MANY OF THE SAME WATER CONCERNS
6 THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED, INCLUDING WHAT I CONSIDER TO
7 BE THE WOEFULLY INADEQUATE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS. I'M
8 SURPRISED THAT THE COUNTY, WHICH HAS SO DELIBERATELY PROTECTED
9 THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THE GORMAN RIDGE AND ITS ANNUAL
10 WILDFLOWER DISPLAYS, SEEMS, IN THIS CASE, TO HAVE SUCH A
11 DISREGARD FOR THEIR INTEGRITY. I HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT
12 THE INCOMPATIBILITY OF THIS KIND OF INDUSTRIAL FACILITY WITH
13 ITS SETTING, WHICH HAPPENS TO BE GORMAN'S SINGLE MOST VALUABLE
14 ASSET. I HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT DAMAGE TO THE HILLSIDES
15 AS INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE WELLS INSTALLED NOW AND IN THE
16 FUTURE. I LIVE ON THE GORMAN RIDGE AND KNOW, FROM PERSONAL
17 EXPERIENCE, HOW SUSCEPTIBLE THE SOIL IS TO EROSION. I HAVE
18 SERIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS ABOUT THE SAFE MOVEMENT OF
19 TANKERS TRUCKS OFF OF AND ONTO GORMAN POST ROAD, ESPECIALLY
20 DURING THE SO-CALLED WILDFLOWER SEASON. I KNOW SOME CONDITIONS
21 HAVE BEEN IMPOSED REGARDING TRUCK MOVEMENTS DURING THESE
22 PERIODS BUT I CAN TELL YOU FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THERE'S NO
23 FIXED START OR FINISH TO THE SEASON AND PEOPLE ARE OUT
24 WANDERING ON THE ROAD SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FROM THE FIRST BLOOM
25 TO THE LAST. UNFORTUNATELY, LAW ENFORCEMENT IS TERRIBLY



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1 UNDERSTAFFED IN GORMAN, SO WE CAN'T RELY ON THE L.A. COUNTY
2 SHERIFF TO IMPOSE ORDER OR TO MAKE SURE THE TRUCKS ARE
3 OPERATED IN A SAFE AND LAWFUL MANNER. I BELIEVE THE PROPOSED
4 TANK FARMS WILL BE A VISUAL BLIGHT ON AN AREA THAT I THOUGHT
5 THE COUNTY VALUED AS A UNIQUE SCENIC RESOURCE. THE GRADING OF
6 DIRT BERMS MAY HIDE THE TANK FORMS FROM GORMAN POST ROAD BUT I
7 FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT THE TANKS WILL BE SCREENED
8 FROM INTERSTATE 5, WHICH RUNS VERY CLOSE TO THE SITE BUT AT A
9 MUCH HIGHER GRADE, WHERE THE PRINCIPAL TANK FARMS AND LOADING
10 STATIONS ARE PROPOSED. AND REMEMBER THAT I-5 IS THE VANTAGE
11 POINT FROM WHICH MOST PEOPLE ENJOY THE WILDFLOWER DISPLAYS. A
12 VISIBLE INDUSTRIAL USE IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE COUNTY'S
13 OBJECTIVE TO PRESERVE THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF THE WILDFLOWER
14 VIEWING AREA. I AM ALSO CONCERNED THAT ALLOWING THIS KIND OF
15 INDUSTRIAL USE WILL SET A PRECEDENT FOR THE FUTURE EXPANSION
16 OF THIS WATER OPERATION OR OTHER SIMILAR USES IN A RESIDENTIAL
17 AREA. I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO OPPOSE THIS PROJECT.
18 THANKS.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. ANDERSON, THEN MR. ARTHUR,
21 AND ASK CHARLES HARRISON TO JOIN US UP HERE PLEASE AND FAY
22 BENBROOK. MR. ANDERSON?

23

24 **ERIC ROY ANDERSON:** I DON'T UNDERSTAND. AM I SUPPOSED TO GIVE
25 MY TIME TO SOMEBODY ELSE, OR...



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, YOU CAN SPEAK YOUR TWO MINUTES.

3

4 **ERIC ROY ANDERSON:** OKAY. WELL, ONE THING I WAS WONDERING IS
5 WHERE ARE ALL THE SUPERVISORS? I NOTICE THAT THEY WEREN'T ALL
6 LISTENING. I THINK THAT'S A LITTLE WEIRD. [CHEERS AND
7 APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SIR, YOU'RE USING...

10

11 **ERIC ROY ANDERSON:** YOU KNOW, WE CAME FROM FRAZIER PARK WHICH
12 IS AN HOUR AND A HALF DRIVE BOTH WAYS...

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND. YOU'RE USING YOUR TWO
15 MINUTES.

16

17 **ERIC ROY ANDERSON:** ...AND, BASICALLY, WE'VE BEEN IGNORED AND
18 THIS AN ISSUE THAT CONCERNS US AND YOU'RE OUR REPRESENTATIVES
19 AND WE ELECTED YOU. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **ERIC ROY ANDERSON:** SO I DIDN'T COME UP HERE TO BE
22 CONFRONTATIONAL BUT I THINK IT'S PRETTY RUDE. YOU KNOW, WE
23 HAVE A TOWN COUNCIL WHERE I LIVE AND IF WE WALKED OUT OF THE
24 ROOM, WE WOULDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME SERVING THE COMMUNITY. [
25 APPLAUSE]



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2 **ERIC ROY ANDERSON:** RIGHT ON! [APPLAUSE CONTINUES]

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4 **ERIC ROY ANDERSON:** I SUBMITTED A VIDEO, A THREE-MINUTE VIDEO.

5 I WONDERED IF ANY OF THE SUPERVISORS HAD A CHANCE TO WATCH IT.

6 AND IF YOU HAD ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TOURISM THAT OCCURS.

7 ANY QUESTIONS? OUR AREA IS PROBABLY DEPENDENT MOSTLY ON

8 TOURISM AS A FUTURE ECONOMIC ENGINE AND ECONOMIC-- AND ECO

9 TOURISM WOULD BE WHAT WE WOULD CHOOSE FOR OUR AREA. SO, WHEN

10 WE HAVE AN INDUSTRIAL USE OF THE LAND, 44 TRUCKS, SORT OF A

11 SANTA CLARITA SITUATION IN WHAT IS THE GATEWAY TO OUR AREA.

12 THE WILDFLOWERS GENERATE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TOURISM AND

13 ECONOMIC INTEREST. PEOPLE WHO COME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND

14 STILL PHOTOGRAPHERS COME TO TAKE PICTURES OF THIS BEAUTIFUL

15 DISPLAY. THE WATER THAT WILL BE TAKEN FROM OUR AREA AND

16 EXPORTED AND WE'LL RECEIVE \$50,000 IN COMPENSATION FOR WHAT I

17 THINK IS ABOUT A 20-MILLION-DOLLAR RETAIL DEAL. THE WATER DOES

18 SEEP DOWN THE HILL AND GOES INTO A ENVIRONMENTAL AREA THAT'S

19 VERY PRISTINE AND, WHAT WOULD YOU CALL THAT, UNUSUAL, AND

20 THERE WAS NO STUDY DONE ON WHAT THE DOWNHILL EFFECTS WOULD BE.

21 I HAVE A LOT TO SAY BUT I SEE MY TIME HAS RUN OUT. IF THERE'S

22 ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VIDEO, I HOPE YOU GUYS HAD A CHANCE TO

23 LOOK AT THE BEAUTIFUL WILDFLOWERS.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** VERY NICE VIDEO.



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2 **ERIC ROY ANDERSON:** THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU DID A GOOD JOB.

5

6 **ERIC ROY ANDERSON:** ALL RIGHT.

7

8 **FAY BENBROOK:** ERIC, WOULD YOU LIKE MORE TIME? I COULD
9 DONATE...

10

11 **ERIC ROY ANDERSON:** NO, NO. I THINK THE MORE PEOPLE THEY HEAR
12 FROM, THE BETTER. AND I'D LIKE TO SEE THE REST OF THE
13 SUPERVISORS SITTING DOWN.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'VE GOT FOUR OF THEM.

16

17 **ERIC ROY ANDERSON:** ALL RIGHT. GOOD. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MR. ARTHUR, THEN MR. HARRISON AND
20 MISS BENBROOK. MR. ARTHUR?

21

22 **CHES ARTHUR:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CHES ARTHUR. I AM A
23 RESIDENT OF PINE MOUNTAIN CLUB, WHICH HAPPENS TO BE IN KERN
24 COUNTY BUT WE ARE A CLOSE NEIGHBOR OF GORMAN. I RISE IN
25 OPPOSITION TO ITEM NUMBER 6, THE GORMAN HILLS WATER EXTRACTION



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1 PROPOSAL. THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD NEVER HAVE MADE IT TO YOUR
2 ATTENTION. WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A PROPOSAL THAT IS BASED ON A
3 HOPELESSLY FLAWED INDUSTRY. A CONCERTED NATIONAL MARKETING
4 BLITZ HAS CREATED A MARKET BASED UPON THE PREMISE THAT
5 MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICTS PRODUCE WATER FOR RESIDENTS THAT IS
6 INFERIOR TO THE QUALITY THAT IS HEALTHFUL FOR ALL OF US.
7 DESPITE NUMEROUS STUDIES, MOST NOTABLY CONDUCTED BY THE
8 RESPECTED CONSUMER UNION, OUR TAP WATER IS, AT MINIMUM, EQUAL
9 TO AND OFTEN EXCEEDS THE QUALITY OF BOTTLED WATER. THE DEMAND
10 PROCEEDS UNABATED. ISN'T IT TIME WE STOOD UP TO THIS FOOLISH
11 ONSLAUGHT? THE PETITIONER HAS ACQUIRED A PIECE OF PROPERTY IN
12 GORMAN. THE PROPERTY IS NOT IN SOME REMOTE LOCATION. IT IS
13 ALMOST EXACTLY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SOUTH-FACING GORMAN HILLS
14 ALONG INTERSTATE 5. THIS IS THE HOME TO THE WIDELY
15 ACKNOWLEDGED, MOST SPECTACULAR DISPLAY OF WILDFLOWERS IN
16 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THIS IS PURE ECONOMIC ARROGANCE. THE AREA
17 IS ALSO, OWING TO THE PRESIDENT-- PRESENCE OF THE SAN ANDREAS
18 FAULT, THE HOME OF A NUMBER OF SAG PONDS AND WETLANDS THAT
19 CONTAIN A NUMBER OF PROTECTED SPECIES AND ATTRACT AN ABUNDANCE
20 OF MIGRATORY VISITORS. THE INNER RELATIONSHIP OF THE HILLSIDE
21 SPRINGS TO THESE PONDS HAS NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED. WE
22 ALSO HAVE A QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE. SOME 40 HEAVILY LADEN
23 TRUCKS OF WATER WOULD BE LUMBERING INTO AND THROUGH GORMAN
24 EACH DAY. THIS IS A SMALL TOWN THAT PRIDES ITSELF ON ITS
25 LIFESTYLE. THE TRUCKS WOULD COME CLOSE TO A NEW MENNONITE



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1 SCHOOL, WHICH IS IN PLANNING, AS WELL AS THE LONG ESTABLISHED
2 GORMAN ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS. THIS WAS NOT TALKED
3 ABOUT. IF THIS CUMULATIVE NEGATIVE WERE NOT ENOUGH, WHAT WOULD
4 THE RESIDENTS BE PROVIDED? JOBS? INCREASED TOURISM? I THINK
5 NOT. THE ONLY LOCAL BENEFICIARY WOULD BE A PRIVATELY-HELD
6 WATER COMPANY TO THE TUNE OF \$50,000 A YEAR. MOST PROPOSALS
7 FOR A SMALL TOWN THAT COME BEFORE YOU WOULD NORMALLY DEAL WITH
8 MANUFACTURING, STORAGE, RETAIL, AND OFFICE FACILITIES WITH
9 THEIR ATTENDANT JOBS. THIS PROPOSAL OFFERS NOTHING TO GORMAN'S
10 RESIDENTS BUT A DIMINUTION OF GORMAN'S NATURAL WEALTH. I URGE
11 YOU TO CAST YOUR VOTES IN OPPOSITION TO ITEM 6 OF YOUR AGENDA.
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. HARRISON AND THEN FAY
15 BENBROOK.

16

17 **CHARLES E. HARRISON:** YES, MY NAME IS CHARLES HARRISON AND I
18 LIVE IN THE GORMAN AREA. AND TO KEEP IT REAL SIMPLE, THE LOS
19 ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER DID THEIR THING IN THE
20 OWENS VALLEY AND NOW WE'RE TRYING TO RESTORE THINGS BACK THE
21 WAY THEY WERE AT A VERY EXPENSIVE RATE. I DON'T WANT TO SEE
22 THAT TO HAPPEN AGAIN, YOU KNOW, IN OUR LOCAL AREA, SO I'M
23 OPPOSED.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MS. BENBROOK.



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DR. FAY BENBROOK: MY NAME IS DR. FAY BENBROOK, I'M A RETIRED
PHYSICIAN, I LIVE IN PINE MOUNTAIN CLUB, CALIFORNIA, NEAR
FRAZIER PARK, LEBEC AND GORMAN. I AM OPPOSED TO THIS PROJECT
ON MANY BASES. ONE IS THE INCREASED TRAFFIC. TWO IS THE
INCREASED NOISE. THREE IS THE LIGHT POLLUTION AND THE MAJOR
ONE IN MY FIELD OF MEDICINE IS THE AIR POLLUTION DUE TO ALL
THE DIESEL TRUCKS RUNNING BACK AND FORTH 24 HOURS A DAY
REMOVING WATER. I'M ALSO OPPOSED BECAUSE OF THE CHANGES IN THE
AESTHETICS AND THE POPPY FIELDS. I BELIEVE THAT THERE SHOULD
BE AN ADEQUATE E.I.R. BEFORE THIS PROJECT IS EVEN CONSIDERED
BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU.

13

SUP. KNABE, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE ITEM
IS BEFORE US.

16

SUP. ANTONOVICH: I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. RELATIVE TO THE
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, WHAT IS THE SIZE OF THE SUBJECT
PROPERTY?

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RUSSELL FRICANO: THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS 192 ACRES.

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SUP. ANTONOVICH: HOW MANY?

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RUSSELL FRICANO: 192 ACRES.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 192 ACRES? AND HOW FAR IS THAT FROM THE I-5
3 FREEWAY?

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5 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** IT IS 1.1 MILES FROM THE I-5 FREEWAY.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT NOW IS THE PROPERTY USED FOR AND
8 WHAT WAS IT USED FOR IN THE PAST?

9

10 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** IT WAS USED FOR GRAZING, AND THERE IS ALSO A
11 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE ON THE PROPERTY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WAS IT PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED?

14

15 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** TO MY KNOWLEDGE, ONLY THE SINGLE-FAMILY
16 RESIDENCE WAS THE ONLY FORM OF DEVELOPMENT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THE PROPOSED C.U.P. REQUIRE THE
19 REMAINDER OF THE PROPERTY TO REMAIN AS OPEN SPACE?

20

21 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** THE PROPOSED C.U.P. REQUIRES THAT ONLY THE
22 TANK FARM CAN BE DEVELOPED. THE REMAINDER OF THE PROPERTY
23 WOULD NOT BE DEVELOPED.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MANY ACRES WOULD NOT BE DEVELOPED?



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2 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** IT WOULD BE THE 98.5% OF THAT PROPERTY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO APPROXIMATELY 99% IS UNDEVELOPED AND WE'RE
5 ONLY TALKING ABOUT 1% PLUS...

6

7 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** YEAH, ONLY 1.5% OF THE PROPERTY WOULD BE
8 DEVELOPED.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 1.5%. ARE THERE MANY RESIDENTS IN THE
11 VICINITY OF THE PROJECT?

12

13 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** NO. THE PROPERTY IS SURROUNDED BY VACANT
14 LAND.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL THE PORTION OF THE PROPERTY THAT IS
17 PROPOSED TO BE DEVELOPED ADVERSELY IMPACT THE WILDFLOWER
18 POPULATION IN GORMAN, AS WAS STATED BY ONE OF THE WITNESSES
19 THAT THE ALSO SUBMITTED A VIDEO?

20

21 **DARYL KOUTNIK:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DARYL
22 KOUTNIK WITH THE REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND THE ANSWER
23 TO THAT WOULD BE "NO". THE MAJORITY OF THE PROPERTY WILL BE
24 OPEN SPACE, AS DR. FRICANO HAD STATED.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE MAJORITY OF THE PROPERTY WILL NOT BE
2 IMPACTED BY THE WILDFLOWER?

3

4 **DARYL KOUTNIK:** WOULD NOT BE IMPACTED BY THE PROJECT, THE
5 WILDFLOWER DISPLAY. CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL THE PROPOSED WATER TANKS ADVERSELY
8 IMPACT THE PUBLIC'S VIEW OF THE WILDFLOWERS?

9

10 **DARYL KOUTNIK:** THE PRIME VIEWING POINT FOR THE WILDFLOWERS IS
11 BOTH HIGHWAY 5 AND GORMAN POST ROAD AND THESE WILL ALL BE
12 STILL VISIBLE IN THE DISPLAYS IF THE PROJECT WERE TO BE
13 IMPLEMENTED.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IT'S NOT IMPACTED?

16

17 **DARYL KOUTNIK:** NO.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MUCH GRADING IS PROPOSED AND IS THIS
20 AMOUNT EXCESSIVE OR WHAT?

21

22 **DARYL KOUTNIK:** THE AMOUNT OF GRADING PROPOSED IS APPROXIMATELY
23 1,500 CUBIC YARDS AND THAT'S NOT CONSIDERED AN EXCESSIVE
24 GRADING PROJECT. IT IS NOT CONSIDERED EXCESSIVE.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOT IMPACT. WILL THE PROPOSED GRADING CREATE
2 ADVERSE VISUAL IMPACTS UPON THE HILLSIDE?

3

4 **DARYL KOUTNIK:** NO. THE GRADING IS PROPOSED AT THE VERY BASE OF
5 THE HILLSIDE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WAS A BIOLOGICAL STUDY PREPARED AND WHAT WERE
8 THE CONCLUSIONS RELATIVE TO THE IMPACT ON ITS BIOLOGICAL
9 RESOURCES?

10

11 **DARYL KOUTNIK:** YES. ALL PROJECTS IN SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL
12 AREAS REQUIRE A BIOLOGICAL REPORT AND THIS WAS PREPARED BY A
13 CONSULTANT ON THE DEPARTMENT-- OR THE COUNTY'S LIST AND IT WAS
14 FOUND TO BE ACCEPTABLE AND C.T.A.C. UNANIMOUSLY AGREES THAT
15 THE PROJECT WAS WELL DESIGNED AS REGARD TO THE BIOLOGICAL
16 RESOURCES.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN TERMS OF THE COMPATIBILITY WITH THE
19 SURROUNDING SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA, WHAT DID C.T.A.C.
20 CONCLUDE ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT?

21

22 **DARYL KOUTNIK:** THEIR CONCLUSION THAT IT MET ALL OF THE
23 SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA COMPATIBILITY CRITERIA AND
24 PROVIDED THAT THE WETLANDS WOULD BE PROTECTED DURING THE



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1 MONITORING ASPECT AND ANY CURTAILMENT OF WATER PUMPING, IF
2 THEY SHOWED ANY SUBSTANTIAL DECLINE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED TO MINIMIZE THE
5 VISUAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED WATER TANKS?

6

7 **DARYL KOUTNIK:** THE WATER TANKS WILL BE SCREENED BY BERMS, BOTH
8 IN FRONT AND-- OF THE LOADING AREA AS WELL AS THE TANKS AND
9 THAT THEY WILL BE LANDSCAPED USING LOCALLY INDIGENOUS SPECIES.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO THE PROPOSED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
12 REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO RETURN THE PROPERTY TO ITS
13 PREEXISTING STATE IF THE PROJECT IS EVER ABANDONED?

14

15 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** YES, THEY DO. CONDITION 16-J REQUIRES JUST
16 THAT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN APPROVING THE PROJECT, WHAT WAS THE VOTE
19 OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION?

20

21 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** THE VOTE OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
22 WAS 3-0. THERE WAS ONE ABSTENTION AND ONE ABSENCE. THERE WAS
23 NO DISSENTING VOTE.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RELATIVE TO PUBLIC WORKS, DID AN OUTSIDE
2 TRAFFIC ENGINEER PREPARE A TRAFFIC STUDY PREPARED FOR THE
3 PROPERTY?

4

5 **DENNIS HUNTER:** DENNIS HUNTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
6 WORKS. NO, A TRAFFIC STUDY WAS NOT PREPARED, SUPERVISOR.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THE PROPERTY HAVE GOOD ACCESS TO THE
9 FREEWAY?

10

11 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, IT DOES.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THE SITE SHOW ACCEPTABLE ONSITE
14 CIRCULATION INGRESS AND EGRESS?

15

16 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES. THE GEOMETRIC DESIGN OF THE SITE DOES
17 PROVIDE FOR GOOD INGRESS AND EGRESS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY TRUCK TRIPS PER DAY WOULD RESULT
20 FROM THE PROJECT?

21

22 **DENNIS HUNTER:** 44 TRUCK TRIPS PER DAY.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BASED UPON YOUR REVIEW OF THE TRAFFIC STUDY,
25 DO YOU FORESEE ANY TRAFFIC IMPACTS?



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2 **DENNIS HUNTER:** NO, WE DON'T BELIEVE THERE WILL BE ANY TRAFFIC
3 IMPACTS DUE TO THE SMALL NUMBER OF TRUCKS AND THE FACT THAT
4 GORMAN POST ROAD IS OPERATING AT A LEVEL OF SERVICE A.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT AGENCY HAS THE WATER RIGHTS FOR THIS
7 SUBJECT PROPERTY?

8

9 **DENNIS HUNTER:** I BELIEVE THAT QUESTION IS BEST ANSWERED BY THE
10 FACT THAT THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE
11 LOCAL WATER COMPANY AND THE APPLICANT FOR THE 300-ACRE FEET OF
12 WATER THAT THEY'LL BE USING PER YEAR.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE WATER COMPANY APPROVED IT?

15

16 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, THEY DID.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAS THE APPLICANT ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT
19 WITH THE GOLDEN VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT TO PURCHASE
20 THE WATER?

21

22 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, THEY HAVE.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY ACRE FEET OF WATER WOULD BE
25 EXTRACTED ANNUALLY AND IS THIS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF WATER?



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2 **DENNIS HUNTER:** THE PROJECT WILL USE 300-ACRE FEET PER YEAR AND
3 WE DON'T BELIEVE THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT, GIVING THE
4 AMOUNT OF GROUNDWATER AVAILABLE IN THE WATERSHEDS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DID AN OUTSIDE ENGINEER PREPARE A HYDRAULIC
7 STUDY FOR THE PROJECT?

8

9 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES. A HYDRO GEOLOGIC REPORT WAS PREPARED BY
10 TRACK ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP FOR THE GOLDEN VALLEY MUNICIPAL
11 WATER DISTRICT AND THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPTED THE
12 REPORT AT ONE OF THEIR BOARD MEETINGS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DID THE PUBLIC WORKS REVIEW THIS STUDY?

15

16 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, WE HAVE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND BASED ON YOUR REVIEW OF THE HYDROLOGY
19 STUDY, DO YOU FORESEE A SERIOUS DEPLETION OF THE AQUIFER
20 RESULTING FROM THE PROJECT?

21

22 **DENNIS HUNTER:** NO, WE DON'T. OUR OPINION IS THAT THE 300-ACRE
23 FEET PER YEAR WILL NOT CAUSE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE
24 ASSOCIATED GROUNDWATER BASINS. THE GROUNDWATER AND STORAGE IN
25 THE UPPER PEACEFUL VALLEY AQUIFER IS ESTIMATED AT 27,000-ACRE



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1 FEET AND THE TEJON MOUNTAIN AQUIFER IS ESTIMATED AT 17,000-
2 ACRE FEET. THE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABLE YIELDS OF THESE TWO
3 AQUIFERS ARE 2,300-ACRE FEET PER YEAR AND 2,000-ACRE FEET PER
4 YEAR, RESPECTIVELY.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DOES THE APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT IN ANY
7 WAY INTERFERE WITH THE GOLDEN VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER
8 DISTRICT'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE THE RESIDENTS OF GORMAN AND
9 FRAZIER PARK AREA WATER?

10

11 **DENNIS HUNTER:** NO, IT DOESN'T. THE WATER COMPANY CURRENTLY HAS
12 23 CONNECTIONS TO ITS WATER SYSTEM AND THEY NEED APPROXIMATELY
13 56-ACRE FEET PER YEAR TO MEET THEIR DEMAND. THERE'S ADEQUATE
14 GROUNDWATER AVAILABLE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND, IN YOUR ESTIMATION, IS THERE ANY
17 EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF GRADING BEING PROPOSED?

18

19 **DENNIS HUNTER:** NO. THERE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 1,500 CUBIC
20 YARDS OF GRADING NEEDED TO PREPARE THE SITE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FOR THE COUNTY COUNSEL, DOES THE COUNTY
23 HAVE ANY REGULATORY AUTHORITY OVER THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
24 APPLICANT AND THE GOLDEN VALLEY WATER COMPANY?

25



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1 **RICK WEISS, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE COUNTY HAS NO
2 DIRECT REGULATORY AUTHORITY OVER THE AGREEMENT. YOUR AUTHORITY
3 OVER THE PROJECT IS EVALUATION OF THE LAND USE ENTITLEMENTS
4 AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. BOTH THE WATER DISTRICT AND
5 STAFF FROM THE COUNTY HAVE DETERMINED THAT THE PROPOSAL WILL
6 NOT HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON WATER SUPPLIES IN THE AREA.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ATTORNEYS FOR THE SIERRA CLUB HAVE SENT IN
9 TWO LETTERS ASSERTING THAT AN E.I.R. IS REQUIRED. HAVE YOU
10 REVIEWED THOSE LETTERS AND DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ANY
11 BASIS TO THE POINTS THEY RAISE?

12

13 **RICK WEISS, COUNSEL:** WE HAVE REVIEWED THOSE LETTERS. SIMILAR
14 ARGUMENTS WERE MADE BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION AS WELL.
15 BASED UPON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY STAFF AND THE STUDIES
16 THAT HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED AND REVIEWED, WE BELIEVE THAT THE
17 MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION IS AN APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL
18 DOCUMENT UNDER THE LAWS AND UNDER THE CASE AUTHORITIES CITED
19 BY THE ATTORNEY WHO APPEARED TODAY AND UNDER ALL PRECEPTS OF
20 C.E.Q.A.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ARE YOU SATISFIED THAT THE MITIGATED
23 NEGATIVE DECLARATION, WHICH WAS PREPARED BY THE REGIONAL
24 PLANNING, COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF C.E.Q.A.?

25



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1 **RICK WEISS, COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE
2 DECLARATION HAS A SERIES OF DETAILED MITIGATION MEASURES WHICH
3 PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE WHICH WE BELIEVE IS NOT
4 CONTRADICTED BY SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, THAT ALL IMPACTS CAN BE
5 MITIGATED TO A LEVEL OF LESS THAN SIGNIFICANCE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, THE CONDITIONAL USE
8 PERMIT NUMBER 02-236-5 IS A REQUEST TO EXTRACT, STORE AND
9 EXPORT WATER FROM A PROPERTY LOCATED ATE 39439 GORMAN POST
10 ROAD IN GORMAN. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION DID VOTE 3-
11 TO-0 TO APPROVE THIS PROJECT WITH ONE ABSTENTION. IN ADDITION
12 TO THE COMMISSION'S ACTION, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD
13 MODIFY THE C.U.P. AS FOLLOWS: MODIFY CONDITION NUMBER 10 TO
14 REQUIRE TWO INSPECTIONS PER YEAR BY STAFF OF THE REGIONAL
15 PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR THE LIFE OF THE PROJECT; MODIFY
16 CONDITION NUMBER 16 TO CLARIFY THAT THOSE AREAS OF THE
17 PROPERTY NOT INTENDED FOR DEVELOPMENT, ACCORDING TO THE SITE
18 PLAN, WILL REMAIN AS OPEN SPACE FOR THE LIFE OF THE PROJECT;
19 MODIFY CONDITION 16 TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROPOSED LANDSCAPE
20 BERM SCREENING THE WATER TANKS SHALL BE INSTALLED TO THE
21 SATISFACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING PRIOR TO
22 THE FINAL INSPECTION OR PERMIT APPROVALS ISSUED BY THE
23 BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
24 WORKS; MODIFY CONDITION NUMBER 18-B TO PROHIBIT TRUCKING OF
25 WATER ON SUNDAYS BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M. I WOULD MOVE



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1 THAT THE BOARD WOULD CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE
2 MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING
3 PROGRAM PREPARED FOR THE PROJECT, INDICATE OUR INTENT TO
4 APPROVE C.U.P. 02-236-5, DIRECTING COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE
5 THE NECESSARY FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE
6 PROPOSED REVISIONS IN THE MOTION TO AFFIRM THE PLANNING
7 COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE C.U.P.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE MOTION BEFORE US. YES, THE CHAIR WILL
10 SECOND IT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. HOW MUCH WATER
13 IS PROPOSED TO BE PUMPED OUT OF HERE OR DRAWN OUT OF HERE ON
14 THIS PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** 300-ACRE FEET PER YEAR.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 300-ACRE FEET PER YEAR?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND HOW BIG IS THE PROPERTY OF-- NOT THE
23 PROPERTY. HOW BIG IS THE AQUIFER FROM WHICH THE WATER IS BEING
24 DRAWN?

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** THE TWO SIGNIFICANT AQUIFERS, THE PEACEFUL VALLEY
2 AQUIFER IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE 27,000-ACRE FEET OF GROUNDWATER
3 IN STORAGE AND THE TEJON MOUNTAIN AQUIFER IS ESTIMATED AT
4 ABOUT 17,000-ACRE FEET.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THERE'S A TOTAL OF 44,000-ACRE FEET OF
7 WATER IN THE AREA?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** YES. IN STOR-- AVAILABLE IN STORAGE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE THERE ANY DEVELOPMENT PLANS IN THE AREA
12 UNDERNEATH THIS-- OR ABOVE THIS AQUIFER THAT ARE BEING
13 DISCUSSED OR PLANNED OR ANYBODY IN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT NOW
14 LOOKING AT DEVELOPMENTS THAT STRADDLE-- OR THAT WOULD HAVE TO
15 RELY ON THIS AQUIFER FOR WATER IN JUSTIFYING THEIR
16 DEVELOPMENT?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THERE ARE NO CURRENT PROJECTS PROPOSED IN LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY, ALTHOUGH KERN COUNTY HAS AN 800-UNIT RESIDENTIAL
20 PROJECT IN FRAZIER PARK PROPOSED.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN WHAT?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** IN FRAZIER PARK WITHIN KERN COUNTY.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW ABOUT TEJON RANCH?

2

3 **SPEAKER:** TEJON RANCH WOULD NOT BE PART OF THIS WATERSHED. IT'S
4 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW FAR IS GORMAN FROM THE KERN COUNTY
7 LINES?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** IT'S APPROXIMATELY THREE MILES.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THREE MILES? THAT'S ALL? SO THE ONLY
12 DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED-- THE ONLY DEVELOPMENT
13 THAT'S BEEN PROPOSED IN THIS-- ON PROPERTIES THAT WOULD DREW
14 FROM THIS AQUIFER IS AN 800-UNIT?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** AND THAT'S ONLY PARTIALLY WITHIN THIS WATERSHED. PART
17 OF IT'S IN...

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND HOW MUCH WATER WOULD THOSE 800 HOMES
20 REQUIRE? HOW MANY ACRE FEET OF WATER WOULD THOSE...

21

22 **SPEAKER:** IF IT'S URBAN USAGE, THAT'S USUALLY APPROXIMATELY A
23 HALF ACRE FOOT PER YEAR SO IT'D BE OVER 400.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PER HOUSE?



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2 **SPEAKER:** PER HOUSE.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES THIS WATERSHED GET REPLENISHED? I MEAN,
5 DO THESE AQUIFERS GET REPLENISHED EVERY YEAR?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YES, ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE-- DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THE
10 ACRE FOOTAGE OF THESE TWO AQUIFERS WERE 10 YEARS AGO?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION AND I'M NOT SURE IF...

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES ANYBODY HERE KNOW WHAT THE TREND OF
15 THESE AQUIFERS ARE?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION. THE HYDRO GEOLOGIST
18 THAT PREPARED THE REPORT MAY BE ABLE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WAS THAT INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE
21 MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** ONLY IF IT WERE CONTAINED WITHIN THE WATER REPORT AND
24 I DON'T RECALL THAT IT WAS. THE TREND, THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN
25 CALIFORNIA, IS THAT WE'RE IN DROUGHT YEARS AND THAT THE



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1 GROUNDWATER LEVELS ARE DROPPING, OVERALL, REGION-WIDE AND, IN
2 SPITE OF THAT, THESE AREAS, BECAUSE OF THESE SPRINGS, ARE
3 STILL PLENTY OF REGENERATION IS OCCURRING AND YOU CAN STILL
4 HAVE SURFACE WATER UP ON TOP OF THE HILLSIDES WHERE THE
5 SPRINGS OCCUR...

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT YOU DON'T KNOW THAT...

8

9 **SPEAKER:** ...EVEN DURING DROUGHT YEARS.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT YOU DON'T KNOW THAT EMPIRICALLY. THAT'S
12 JUST YOUR...

13

14 **SPEAKER:** NO, I'VE SEEN THAT HAPPEN. I'VE GONE OUT AT THE END
15 OF SUMMER...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, BUT YOU DON'T-- SO I'M ASKING YOU, DO
18 YOU KNOW WHAT THE LAST 10 YEARS, WHAT THE TREND LINE IS IN THE
19 AQUIFERS? DID WE HAVE MORE THAN 44,000-ACRE FEET OF WATER IN
20 THOSE AQUIFERS 10 YEARS AGO? OR LESS?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** NO, I DO NOT HAVE THAT INFORMATION. I DO NOT HAVE
23 THAT INFORMATION.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OR ABOUT THE SAME? OKAY. YOU DON'T HAVE THAT
2 INFORMATION. IT WOULD BE GOOD INFORMATION TO HAVE AS WE GO
3 FORWARD. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. ARE
6 THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? AND SO, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
7 ORDERED.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, RECORD ME AS A "NO" VOTE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY VOTING "NO". SO
12 ORDERED. OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 7.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMBINED HEARING ON ZONE CHANGE AND
15 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, CASE NUMBERS 97-158-2 AND NEGATIVE
16 DECLARATION RELATING TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4700 SLAUSON
17 AVENUE IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY PARK, COMMUNITY OF
18 LADERA HEIGHTS VIEW PARK, WINDSOR HILLS IN THE VIEW PARK ZONE
19 DISTRICT, PETITIONED BY UNITED EL SEGUNDO INCORPORATED. WE
20 HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. HAS ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON ITEM
23 NUMBER 7?

24

25 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE A MOTION.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF NOT, THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR
3 BURKE, DO YOU HAVE A MOTION?

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT. ZONE CHANGE AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
6 NUMBER 97-158, SECOND DISTRICT, ARE A REQUEST TO REPLACE A GAS
7 STATION AND LUBE CENTER WITH A 24-HOUR GAS STATION, MINI MART
8 AND DRIVE THROUGH AUTOMATED GAS-- CAR WASH. WHILE THE CASE WAS
9 AT THE COMMISSION, THERE WAS CONCERN REGARDING THE APPLICANT'S
10 INITIAL REQUEST TO SELL BEER AND WINE AT THE MINI MART.
11 HOWEVER, THAT REQUEST HAS BEEN ELIMINATED AND THE MINI MART
12 WILL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO SELL ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. THE
13 PLANNING COMMISSION ALSO LIMITED THE HOURS OF OPERATIONS OF
14 THE CAR WASH AND REQUIRED COMPREHENSIVE NOISE MITIGATION
15 MEASURES AND LANDSCAPING TO ENSURE THE USES WERE BUFFETED FROM
16 THE NEARBY RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE
17 BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, APPROVE THE NEGATIVE
18 DECLARATION, INDICATE OUR INTENTION TO APPROVE ZONE CHANGE AND
19 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 97-158 AND INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO
20 PREPARE THE NECESSARY ORDINANCE, FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS FOR
21 FINAL APPROVAL AND THAT WOULD INCLUDE WITH THE PROHIBITION
22 AGAINST ANY WINE OR BEER OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. AND THE
23 RESTRICTIONS AS DISCUSSED. I SO MOVE.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. ANY FURTHER
2 QUESTIONS OR DISCUSSION? WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY.
3 BACK TO ITEM NUMBER 1, VIOLET, DO YOU WANT TO READ THAT, OR--
4 ACTUALLY, THEY'VE TABULATED THE BALLOTS AND DETERMINED THAT NO
5 MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS, SO IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS
6 TIME TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ORDERING THE AMENDMENT TO THE
7 RATE AND METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT FOR L.L.A. DISTRICT NUMBER 2,
8 ZONES 26, EMERALD CREST. THE CHAIR WOULD MOVE THAT, SECONDED
9 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY.
10 OKAY. I'M-- SINCE I'M STILL FIRST UP ON SPECIALS, I'M GOING TO
11 CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 17. OKAY, JUST-- IF WE CAN HAVE EVERYONE'S
12 ATTENTION SO THAT EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THE GROUND RULES.
13 OBVIOUSLY, THE BEILENSEN HEARINGS HAVE BEEN CLOSED, THE PUBLIC
14 HEARING PROCESS HAS BEEN CLOSED. A NUMBER OF YOU SIGNED UP TO
15 TALK ON THIS ITEM TODAY. I'M GOING TO ASK MR. GARTHWAITE, OUR
16 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, TO GIVE US AN OVERVIEW THEN I'LL
17 BE CALLING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WILL-- OKAY. YES. MR.
18 GARTHWAITE.

19

20 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF
21 THE BOARD. VERY CLEARLY, WE ALL HEARD THE INTENSE INTEREST OF
22 THE COMMUNITY IN TRAUMA SERVICES AT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER.
23 DURING THAT HEARING, WE HEARD MANY THINGS STATED, SOME OF
24 WHICH WE'VE RESPONDED TO IN WRITING BACK TO THE BOARD FOR YOUR
25 READING-- FOR YOUR ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS AND THOSE



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1 STATEMENTS. AND THAT WAS SENT TO THE BOARD YESTERDAY. I DON'T
2 WANT TO GO THROUGH ALL THOSE PIECES OF DETAIL. I WANT TO
3 REITERATE A COUPLE OF, I THINK, VERY IMPORTANT POINTS. THE
4 FIRST IS THAT WE'RE NOT CLOSING EMERGENCY ROOM SERVICES. WE'RE
5 PROPOSING TO DIVERT TRAUMA PATIENTS TO OTHER TRAUMA CENTERS.
6 BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT WE'VE ANTICIPATED THAT, WHILE
7 NAVIGANT, THE CONSULTANT AT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER, TRIES TO
8 REBUILD AND RESTRUCTURE THE HOSPITAL AND HELP FIX THE
9 ACCREDITATION ISSUES, WE'VE ANTICIPATED THAT THEY WILL HAVE
10 MULTIPLE ASSESSMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND, IN FACT, THE
11 BOARD HAS DEMANDED A 60-DAY ASSESSMENT OF THEIR PROGRESS. AS
12 THEY PROGRESS, WE ALSO HAVE CREATED THIS ADVISORY BOARD. THIS
13 ADVISORY BOARD WITH DR. SATCHER AND OTHER VERY ESTEEMED
14 MEMBERS WILL BE LOOKING, WITH THE DEPARTMENT, INDEPENDENTLY AT
15 WHAT'S GOING ON WITH NAVIGANT AND WHAT'S GOING ON AT KING DREW
16 MEDICAL CENTER. AND I WOULD ANTICIPATE, OVER THE NEXT YEAR,
17 THAT BOTH THE ADVISORY BOARD AND NAVIGANT WILL PROVIDE
18 SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION TO THE BOARD THAT WILL ALLOW US TO
19 MAKE ADDITIONAL DECISIONS WITH REGARD TO KING DREW MEDICAL
20 CENTER'S PROGRESS AND ITS FUTURE. SO, WITH THAT IN MIND, OUR
21 RECOMMENDATION REMAINS THE SAME AND I'D BE HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR
22 QUESTIONS.

23
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY...



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1 **AUDIENCE:** (BOOING). [GAVEL]

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE. PLEASE. [INTERJECTIONS AND BOOING
4]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. OKAY. [INTERJECTIONS]

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** LET ME JUST-- LET ME, LET ME BE... [
9 INTERJECTIONS]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. [INTERJECTIONS]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF YOU WANT ME TO CLEAR THE ROOM, I WILL.
14 I'M JUST TRYING TO BE FAIR. THE BEILENSEN HEARING PROCESS IS--
15 WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO DO THE TESTIMONY. YOU CAN SCREAM AND
16 SHOUT AND YELL. WE'LL JUST HAVE THE ROOM CLEARED, IF THAT'S
17 WHAT YOU WANT. OKAY? WE'RE NOT GOING TO ALLOW OUTBURSTS. WE'RE
18 GOING TO TRY AND BE FAIR IN THIS THING AND ALLOW EVERYONE TO
19 TESTIFY. OKAY? WE'VE GONE THROUGH THIS. WE'VE DONE OVER 11
20 HOURS OF HEARINGS AND SO-- AND WE... [INTERJECTIONS]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HEARING AND AGREEING ARE TWO DIFFERENT
23 ISSUES. OKAY. I'M GOING TO CALL-- ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OF
24 MR. GARTHWAITE AT THIS POINT? IF NOT...

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, BUT I UNDERSTAND THERE'S SOME MOTIONS
2 AVAILABLE, SO WHY DON'T WE PUT THOSE ON THE TABLE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I HAVE A MOTION THAT I WILL CIRCULATE
5 AND THEN I THINK, AFTER WE'VE HEARD TESTIMONY, I WOULD LIKE
6 FOR DR. GARTHWAITE TO COME BACK SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS...

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY DON'T WE DO THAT NOW SO WE CAN HAVE THAT
9 DISCUSSION NOW?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** I WILL PASS OUT MY MOTION. LET ME JUST BE VERY
12 CLEAR. [INTERJECTIONS]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE!

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME OR
17 WHETHER THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SPEAK FIRST AND THEN I
18 WOULD THEN MAKE MY MOTION.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU MADE YOUR
21 MOTION.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** HAVE YOU READ MY MOTION?

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, I HAVE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LATEST VERSION OF IT?
3 WE'LL PASS IT OUT. OBVIOUSLY, IN MY OPINION, WE SHOULD KEEP
4 THE TRAUMA CENTER OPEN AND IT'S NECESSARY... [VEHEMENT CHEERS
5 AND APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE CONTINUES] [
8 GAVEL]

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** HOWEVER, I CAN COUNT-- I CAN COUNT TO THREE AND,
11 WHEN I COUNT, I KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME VERY IMPORTANT
12 THINGS, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE
13 TAKE PLACE. NUMBER ONE, I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE A LONG-
14 TERM ASSURANCE THAT THERE WILL BE, IN THE LONG TERM, TRAUMA
15 SERVICES THERE. [INTERJECTIONS]

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THAT, WHATEVER HAPPENS... [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** WHATEVER THIS BOARD VOTES, THAT THERE WILL BE A
20 RESTORATION OF THOSE SERVICES AND THERE WILL BE A MECHANISM
21 FOR THE RESTORATION OF THOSE SERVICES. AND I ALSO FEEL THAT
22 IT'S GOING TO BE VERY NECESSARY TO HAVE THE KIND OF RESIDENCY
23 PROGRAMS THERE THAT HAVE BEEN TERMINATED. THEY HAVE TO BE
24 RESTORED BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT ARE
25 PREREQUISITE TO BEING ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD TO ASSURE THAT



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1 PEOPLE WHO COME TO THAT HOSPITAL HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE.
2 AND ONE OF THOSE THINGS IS A SURGICAL RESIDENCY. IN ADDITION
3 TO THAT, WE ALSO HAVE TO ASSURE THAT WE MOVE FORWARD IN A WAY
4 WHERE WE HAVE THE NECESSARY NURSES AND CRITICAL CARE AND ALSO
5 THE TELEMETRY BEDS AND OTHER BEDS THAT ARE NECESSARY. [
6 INTERJECTIONS]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** SO, DR. GARTHWAITE... [INTERJECTIONS]

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** ...I DON'T-- YOU HAVE SEEN THE MOTION THAT I'M
11 CIRCULATING, RIGHT?

12

13 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I'VE PROBABLY SEEN VERSIONS. I DON'T
14 KNOW IF I HAVE THE LATEST ONE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A COPY AND I
17 THINK WE SHOULD HAVE YOU COME BACK AFTER WE'VE HAD A CHANCE TO
18 DISCUSS IT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I THINK WE SHOULD DISCUSS IT NOW. WHY DON'T
21 WE DISCUSS IT NOW.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT, WELL, WE CAN DISCUSS IT NOW. [
24 INTERJECTIONS]

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. DR. GARTHWAITE, YOU HAVE-- WE HAVE A--
2 WE HAVE NAVIGANT THAT'S THERE. WE ALSO HAVE AN ADVISORY
3 COMMITTEE THAT'S MADE UP OF PROBABLY THE MOST DISTINGUISHED
4 GROUP OF HOSPITAL EXPERTS AND ACADEMICIANS IN HEALTHCARE THAT
5 YOU COULD ASSEMBLE. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT DR. SATCHER, DR.
6 DRAKE, HECTOR AND ALL OF THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERTS WHO WILL
7 BE INTERRELATING WITH NAVIGANT. WHAT I'M PROPOSING IS THAT
8 THERE IS A MECHANISM WHERE THE NAVIGANT ANALYSIS WOULD COME
9 BEFORE THIS GROUP AND THAT THEY WOULD EVALUATE PROGRESS OF THE
10 HOSPITAL AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS IN TERMS OF RESTORATION OF
11 THE TRAUMA SERVICES. AND WHAT I AM PROPOSING IS THAT, IN
12 JANUARY OF 2005, THAT WE WOULD GET THE FIRST INDICATION OF
13 WHAT THE PROGRESS WAS AND ALSO IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING-- AND
14 ALSO I'M PROPOSING THAT THERE NOT BE ANY CLOSURE IN THE NEXT--
15 THERE WOULD NOT BE A CLOSURE-- THERE WOULD BE A SUSPENSION AND
16 THE SUSPENSION WOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER 90 DAYS. BUT, IN THE
17 MEANTIME, IN JANUARY, THERE WOULD BE A REVIEW OF THE
18 ASSESSMENT BY NAVIGANT. AND THE IMPORTANT THING THAT I THINK
19 IS THAT NO ONE TAKE A POSITION OF SAYING THEY ARE GOING TO
20 CLOSE THE TRAUMA CENTER AND NOT TO GIVE UP THE DESIGNATION
21 AS... [INTERJECTIONS] [GAVEL]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** ...I THINK THAT-- I'VE BEEN CLEAR FROM THE DAY--
24 THE FIRST DAY THIS WAS DISCUSSED. I'VE SAID TO YOU, WE SHOULD
25 NOT GIVE UP THE DESIGNATION. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE TECHNICAL



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1 LANGUAGE IS, BUT WHAT I THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT, IF IT'S
2 NECESSARY TO MAKE ANY CHANGES THAT, WHATEVER HAPPENS, JUST BE
3 A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION. AND I'D LIKE TO GET YOUR REACTION TO
4 THAT. [INTERJECTIONS] [GAVEL]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** AND I KNOW THAT THIS IS-- LISTEN, I UNDERSTAND
7 EVERYBODY'S OPPOSED TO IT BUT-- OKAY, ALL RIGHT. [
8 INTERJECTIONS]

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL... [INTERJECTIONS CONTINUE]

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** MS. BURKE? MS. BURKE, HOW LONG...

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW LONG ARE YOU PROPOSING THE SUSPENSION TO BE?

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I'M PROPOSING THAT, IN JANUARY... [GAVEL]

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** ...THERE BE AN EVALUATION OF WHAT THE SITUATION IS
21 PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE ACTUAL SUSPENSION.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, BUT EVEN THEN, IF YOU ARE PROPOSING A
24 SUSPENSION, HOW LONG ARE YOU PROPOSING THE SUSPENSION FOR?

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** THE SUSPENSION WOULD BE BASED UPON WHEN THAT
2 ADVISORY CREW COMES UP WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE HOSPITAL
3 IS IN A SITUATION WHERE IT WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET ACCREDITATION
4 AS WELL AS STABILIZATION TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IF IT WERE TO BE SUSPENDED FOR TWO YEARS, THAT
7 WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE? [INTERJECTIONS]

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, I WOULD NOT... [INTERJECTIONS CONTINUE]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** I DON'T THINK THAT, REALISTICALLY, THAT WE'RE
12 GOING TO HAVE TO-- I DON'T THINK, REALISTICALLY, WE'RE TALKING
13 ABOUT A TWO-YEAR TIME FRAME. [INTERJECTIONS CONTINUE]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** FIRST OF ALL, I THINK THAT THE... [INTERJECTIONS
16 CONTINUE]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** I REALLY THINK THAT, CERTAINLY, WITHIN THE NEXT 12
19 MONTHS, THIS HOSPITAL WILL BE STABILIZED. AND I'D LIKE TO
20 REALLY GET SOME RESPONSE FROM DR. GARTHWAITE...

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THE SUSPENSION WOULD BE FOR ABOUT A YEAR?

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** ...IN TERMS OF THAT.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO LET ME UNDERSTAND THE MOTION... [

2 INTERJECTIONS CONTINUE]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. PLEASE. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE
5 ORDER.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, I-- SOMETIMES
8 IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO TRY TO ACHIEVE THINGS. YOU CAN LET
9 THINGS GO AS THEY ARE AND I CAN WITHDRAW MY MOTION AND I CAN
10 JUST LET THIS MOTION THAT IS BEING PROPOSED GO THROUGH OR I
11 CAN PUSH THIS MOTION TO TRY TO SAVE THIS TRAUMA CENTER AND
12 MAKE SURE IT COMES BACK. [INTERJECTIONS CONTINUE]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, YOU KNOW, I KNOW-- I'M READY TO TAKE WHATEVER
15 YOU'RE GOING TO SAY ABOUT ME. MY VIEW IS THIS: I'M INTERESTED
16 IN SAVING THIS HOSPITAL... [INTERJECTIONS CONTINUE]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** ...AND I'M INTERESTED IN MAKING SURE THERE'S A
19 TRAUMA CENTER IN THE LONG TERM. AND, YOU KNOW, I KNOW, I HAVE
20 LEARNED, FROM 30 YEARS IN PUBLIC OFFICE, EVERYBODY IS NOT
21 GOING TO AGREE WITH YOU. BUT AT SOME POINT, YOU HAVE TO DO
22 WHAT IS RIGHT IN YOUR CONSCIENCE... [INTERJECTIONS CONTINUE]

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** ...AND MY VIEW AND MY CONSCIENCE IS TO SAY THIS
25 HOSPITAL IS GOING TO BE SAVED AND WE'RE GOING TO SET UP A



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1 LONG-TERM MECHANISM FOR RESTORING ANY SERVICES THAT ARE
2 REMOVED. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, THAT'S MY VIEW AND THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO
5 BELIEVE IN AND THAT'S WHAT I'M PROPOSING. [CHEERS AND
6 APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE LET HER SPEAK. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. ZEV.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I-- DID YOU WANT TO SAY
11 SOMETHING?

12

13 **THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I WAS JUST-- I THINK...

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE!

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE NEED TO HAVE ORDER.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE NEED TO HAVE ORDER SO THE SPEAKER SPEAK.
20 OKAY?

21

22 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THE ONLY THING I WAS GOING TO SAY WAS I
23 DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS AN INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY BUT I THINK,
24 YOU KNOW, WITHOUT QUESTION, THERE'S A REAL DATE OF CONCERN IN
25 LATE JANUARY, EARLY FEBRUARY WHEN WE GET OUR FINAL



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1 DETERMINATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION BECAUSE OF THE STATE
2 LAW THAT DOES NOT ALLOW US TO RUN A TRAUMA CENTER. AND SO WE
3 REALLY NEED TO TAKE VERY SPECIFIC AND AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS
4 LEADING UP TO THAT TIME TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND SHOULD THAT
5 EVENTUALITY HAPPEN.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION. I THINK IT IS ALL
8 OF OUR DESIRE AND IT'S NEVER BEEN OUR INTENT OR EXPECTATION
9 THAT THERE WOULD BE A PERMANENT CLOSURE OF THE TRAUMA
10 CENTER... [INTERJECTIONS]

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...AND... [INTERJECTIONS AND SHUSHING]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE!

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I CAN WAIT. I GOT ALL DAY.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF YOU WANT ME TO CLEAR THE ROOM, WE CAN,
19 SO WE CAN CONDUCT THE HEARING. IT'S NOT A HEARING, ACTUALLY.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT ISN'T A HEARING AND, MR. CHAIRMAN, I'LL
22 DEAL WITH THAT ISSUE WHEN WE GET TO IT. BUT I HAVE SOME
23 TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, MAYBE LEGAL QUESTIONS. IF YOU USE THE
24 TERMINOLOGY "SUSPEND", THERE'S THE ISSUE OF DE-DESIGNATING THE



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1 TRAUMA CENTER OR RELINQUISHING THE DESIGNATION OF THE TRAUMA
2 CENTER. IS THAT A TERMINOLOGY THAT IS CORRECT?

3

4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CAROL GUNTER FROM OUR EMERGENCY
5 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM MIGHT WANT TO HELP WITH SOME OF THE
6 TERMINOLOGY, SINCE SHE DOES THIS FOR A LIVING.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. CAROL, IS THERE-- WHAT IS THE
9 MEANING OF SURRENDERING THE DESIGNATION OF THE TRAUMA-- OR THE
10 TRAUMA DESIGNATION AT A TRAUMA CENTER?

11

12 **CAROL GUNTER:** THE STATE LAW TALKS ABOUT DESIGNATION OF TRAUMA
13 CENTERS AND THERE IS SUCH A THING AS SUSPENSION, WHICH WOULD
14 MEAN THAT THE E.M.S. AGENCY WOULD SEEK TO TAKE AWAY. IN THIS
15 SITUATION, THE DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING AT THE ACTION INTERNALLY.
16 THERE IS NO-- THERE'S NOTHING IN LAW. YOU'RE EITHER DESIGNATED
17 OR YOU'RE NOT DESIGNATED.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IS THE PROPOSAL THAT DR. GARTHWAITE IS
20 MAKING TO SURRENDER THE DESIGNATION, IS IT-- SPEAK-- SAY IT SO
21 THAT IT'S ON...

22

23 **CAROL GUNTER:** YES. [INTERJECTIONS]

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF THERE IS A SUSPENSION, CAN IT BE DONE--
2 CAN YOU HAVE THE SAME END RESULT... [INTERJECTIONS]

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...OF-- THAT DR. GARTHWAITE'S RECOMMENDATION
5 CONTEMPLATES, WITHOUT SURRENDERING THE DESIGNATION? CAN YOU
6 SUSPEND AND NOT OPERATE WITHOUT SURRENDERING THE DESIGNATION
7 FOR A PERIOD OF TIME?

8

9 **CAROL GUNTER:** THE LAW DOES NOT USE THE TERMINOLOGY...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY. I COULDN'T HEAR YOU.

12

13 **CAROL GUNTER:** THE LAW DOES NOT USE THE TERMINOLOGY. YOU'RE
14 EITHER DESIGNATED OR YOU'RE NOT DESIGNATED. [INTERJECTIONS]

15

16 **CAROL GUNTER:** IN EITHER WAY, YOU WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE
17 EXACT SAME ACTIONS TO RETURN THE TRAUMA CENTER IN EITHER WAY.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WELL, THAT'S REALLY THE
20 QUESTION THAT I HAD TO HAVE THE ANSWER TO, AND THANK YOU FOR
21 THAT. SO WHETHER-- OKAY. SO EITHER WAY...

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** LET ME-- ZEV, CAN I JUST FOLLOW UP? SO THE
24 QUESTION BEING, THEN, IF J.C.A.H.O. WERE TO BE CERTIFIED, IT



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1 WOULD PUT US IN THE SAME SITUATION ABOUT THE DESIGNATION OF
2 TRAUMA OR NO TRAUMA, IS THAT CORRECT?

3

4 **CAROL GUNTER:** YEAH. J.C.A.H.O. WOULD-- IF WE DO NOT HAVE
5 J.C.A.H.O. ACCREDITATION, WE DO NOT MEET THE LAW AND,
6 THEREFORE, WE CANNOT DESIGNATE THAT HOSPITAL AS A TRAUMA
7 CENTER.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. AND THAT'S, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD,
12 WHERE THINGS ARE HEADED RIGHT NOW WITH J.C.A.H.O. AND, IF IT
13 DOESN'T, THAT WILL BE A PLEASANT SURPRISE. BUT WE HAVE TO
14 ASSUME THAT IT IS. SO THE ISSUE... [INTERJECTIONS]

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BACK TO MRS. BURKE'S MOTION THAT SAID... [
17 GAVEL]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE!

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU KNOW, IT DOESN'T MATTER, DON, I'LL JUST
22 TALK BECAUSE I THINK THEY CAN HEAR ME. THE PROBLEM I HAVE
23 WITH-- I HAVE ONE PROBLEM WITH MRS. BURKE'S MOTION AND THAT'S
24 THE FIRST ITEM, WHICH IS THE REVIEW BY JANUARY 15TH. I THINK--
25 IS THAT DATE IN HERE? YEAH. AND IS IT YOUR-- IS IT YOUR



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1 EXPECTATION, BEFORE THIS MOTION WAS MADE OR THIS PART OF THE
2 MOTION WAS MADE, IS IT YOUR EXPECTATION THAT YOU'RE GOING TO
3 BE WORKING WITH NAVIGANT AND WORKING WITH THE OVERSIGHT
4 COMMITTEE, WHICH INCLUDES DR. SATCHER, DR. DRAKE, DR. LEVY,
5 MR. OR DR. VANDERMEAL AND I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S A DOCTOR.

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** DOCTOR, YEAH. MM HM.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DR. VANDERMEAL. IN YOUR OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE,
10 IS IT YOUR EXPECTATION THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE WORKING WITH
11 THEM ON AN ONGOING BASIS TO EVALUATE HOW THE REHABILITATION OF
12 THE HOSPITAL IS GOING? HOW THE TRAUMA CENTER IS OPERATING OR
13 THE LACK OF A TRAUMA CENTER IS OPERATING? AND YOU'LL BE ABLE
14 TO CALIBRATE, AS TIME GOES ON AND AT THREE MONTHS, SIX MONTHS,
15 AND 12 MONTHS?

16

17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH, PRECISELY. WE'VE HAD ONE PHONE
18 CALL, WE'RE TRYING TO SET THE FACE-TO-FACE MEETING IN EARLY
19 DECEMBER. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE WE'D GET REGULAR REPORTS FROM
20 NAVIGANT, THAT WE WOULD HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH NAVIGANT, OTHER
21 REPORTS, AS THEY'RE AVAILABLE, FROM E.M.S. AND PROVIDE, YOU
22 KNOW, REGULAR REPORTS BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO THE BOARD
23 ON THE PROGRESS OF THE RESTRUCTURING, THE PROGRESS AND QUALITY
24 OF TRAUMA SERVICES AND THE AREA SURROUNDING KING DREW AND
25 OTHER MATTERS.



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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: ALL RIGHT. MY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE, I COULD SUPPORT MRS. BURKE'S MOTION ON ITEMS 2 AND 3, I THINK IT'S 2 AND 3, AS SHE'S GOT THEM. I THINK ITEM 1 SETS AN UNREALISTIC AND-- EXPECTATION AND IT IMPLIES AND I KNOW WHAT SHE'S TRYING TO DO AND I RESPECT HER FOR IT BUT I JUST DON'T THINK THAT-- IT IMPLIES SOMETHING THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. AND I DON'T THINK YOU START TODAY, ON NOVEMBER 23RD, WITH THE EXPECTATION OR WITH A GOAL IN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS TO SHUT DOWN WHAT WE'RE ABOUT TO VOTE ON, IF WE DO VOTE ON IT, YOU DON'T JUST DO IT FOR SEVEN WEEKS. AND I THINK THAT WOULD SEND MIXED SIGNALS TO YOU, TO YOUR STAFF AND TO THE COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, I'M ASSURED BY WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT, ON AN ONGOING BASIS, THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE THIS CONSTANT REVIEW, IT'S STARTED ALREADY WITH NAVIGANT, I THINK WE ALREADY HAVE A SENSE OF WHAT NAVIGANT'S VIEWS ARE OF YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND I ASSUME THAT, SOME DAY, THEY'LL EVEN SHARE IT PUBLICLY AND THE-- AND THEN NAVIGANT AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY OR AS IMPORTANTLY, THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, WHICH YOU'VE EMPANELLED, SO YOU'LL BE, ON AN ONGOING BASIS, REVIEWING IT. SO I WOULD MOVE TO AMEND MS. BURKE'S MOTION TO STRIKE ITEM ONE BUT I WOULD SUPPORT ITEMS 2 AND 3.

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SUP. BURKE: MR. CHAIRMAN, MAY I JUST ASK...? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WOULD-- WE KNOW THAT NAVIGANT HAS TO HAVE A



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1 REPORT, THE DATE THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE A REPORT IN BY
2 JANUARY 1ST. WE KNOW THEY HAVE TO HAVE AN ASSESSMENT. IF WE
3 REMOVE THE JANUARY 15TH DATE, WE KNOW THAT, ULTIMATELY,
4 THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ADDRESS ALL THESE ISSUES. IF WE
5 REMOVE THAT DATE, CAN YOU LIVE WITH IT, NUMBER ONE?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, MY PROBLEM WITH NUMBER 1, AND I WANT
8 TO HEAR FROM DR. GARTHWAITE, IS THAT THERE'S THIS EXPECTATION
9 THAT, SOMEHOW, AT SOME-- I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A SURGICAL
10 WAY TO SAY IT, IS YOU'RE CREATING AN EXPECTATION THAT YOU'RE
11 GOING TO GO HALFWAY OR TWO-THIRDS OF THE WAY...

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, WE'RE NOT SAYING WE GO HALFWAY. WHAT WE'RE
14 SAYING IS, NUMBER ONE, WE KNOW THERE'S AN ASSESSMENT THAT'S
15 GOING TO COME UP ON JANUARY 3RD. WE'RE SAYING THE 15TH BECAUSE
16 IT PROBABLY WON'T COME ON THE THIRD, IT WILL PROBABLY COME
17 AROUND THE 15TH.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT.

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW-- BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS, YOU HAVE TO HAVE
22 SOME MECHANISM FOR-- TO REVIEW THE STATUS AND WHETHER YOU'RE
23 MOVING TO A POINT OF WHERE YOU CAN HAVE THE TRAUMA. NOW, IF
24 THE DATE, JANUARY 15TH BEING IN THERE IS A PROBLEM, WHAT I'M
25 CONCERNED ABOUT IS WE DO NEED TO HAVE A MECHANISM THAT GOES



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1 FORWARD TO REVIEW SERVICES, SUPPORT SERVICES AND EVERYTHING
2 THAT'S GOING ON AND THAT'S MY ONLY CONCERN. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, LET ME TRY THIS OUT. WOULD LANGUAGE--
5 SUBSTITUTE FOR YOUR ITEM 1, IF YOU HAD LANGUAGE-- ONE SENTENCE
6 THAT SAID THE FOLLOWING, "IN CONSULTATION WITH NAVIGANT
7 CONSULTING, CONDUCT..." AND I'LL MAKE COPIES OF THIS IF THIS
8 GOES ANYWHERE, "IN CONSULTATION WITH NAVIGANT CONSULTING,
9 CONDUCT ONGOING ASSESSMENTS OF WHETHER KING DREW MEDICAL
10 CENTER CAN SAFELY PROVIDE TRAUMA SERVICES AND AT WHAT VOLUME
11 OF PATIENTS." THAT SUCCINCTLY SAYS WHAT, I THINK, WHAT YOU'RE
12 TRYING TO GET AT.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU'D TAKE OUT THE REDUCED PATIENT VOLUME? YOU
15 WOULD TAKE OUT THE REDUCED PATIENT...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AT WHATEVER LEVEL, I THINK IT SAYS IN HERE.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. LET ME KEEP LOOKING AT THIS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THAT.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** LET ME HAVE SOME PEOPLE LOOK AT THIS AND THEN...

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THERE A NEW COMPROMISE?

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THERE A NEW COMPROMISE?

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, MR. ANTONOVICH.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL PASS THIS OUT. HAVE YOU PASSED-- HAVE YOU
11 PASSED-- ARE YOU PASSING YOURS OUT?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, NO, I JUST THOUGHT OF IT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. ANTONOVICH?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. GARTHWAITE, THE ACTIONS THAT ARE BEING
18 TAKEN BY THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY UPON YOUR
19 RECOMMENDATION IS AS A RESULT OF FAILURES IN ACCREDITATION AT
20 MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL, FAILURES IN ACCREDITATION BY
21 J.C.A.H.O., AND LOSS OF ACCREDITATION IN CERTAIN FIELDS OF
22 MEDICAL CARE. THE QUESTION IS, WE WOULD-- BY BRINGING MARTIN
23 LUTHER KING UP TO STANDARDS FOR EMERGENCY ROOM AND MEDICAL
24 CARE, WHEN WE REACH THAT THRESHOLD, AUTOMATICALLY, YOU WOULD
25 REVIEW, WITHOUT ANY TYPE OF MOTION TODAY, THE RESTORATION OF A



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1 TRAUMA CENTER AT THAT FACILITY. SO THE ACTION WE'RE TAKING
2 TODAY DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE REOPENING OF A TRAUMA CENTER IN
3 THE COMING YEARS.

4

5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** ABSOLUTELY NOT AND I WOULD JUST SAY
6 THAT, IN ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION, I'VE REPEATEDLY SAID THAT WE
7 WOULD BE IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION, IN A YEAR'S TIME, TO
8 UNDERSTAND THE STABILITY OF THE HOSPITAL, HOW FAR WE'VE BEEN
9 ABLE TO BUILD IT BACK IN TERMS OF NURSING STAFF, AND WHAT THE
10 OPPORTUNITIES WOULD BE FOR ITS, YOU KNOW, ITS FUTURE IN TRAUMA
11 AND A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT SERVICES. CLEARLY, THE SERVICES ARE
12 NEEDED IN THE COMMUNITY.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. AND THE ACTIONS WITH THE FAILINGS OF
15 THE DREW MEDICAL SCHOOL ARE BEING CORRECTED WITH A NEW BOARD
16 OF DIRECTORS THAT HAS BEEN APPOINTED AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF
17 U.S.C. AND U.C.L.A.'S MEDICAL SCHOOL SERVING ON AN OVERSIGHT
18 COMMITTEE. SO WE ALREADY HAVE IN PLACE THE OPPORTUNITIES OF
19 U.S.C. AND U.C.L.A.'S MEDICAL SCHOOL TO BE THERE TO HELP
20 UPGRADE THE PROGRAMS AND, AGAIN, WE DON'T NEED ANY MOTION
21 BECAUSE WE AUTOMATICALLY WILL BE ASSESSING RESTORATION OF
22 TRAUMA CARE WHEN THE STANDARDS ARE MET. SO THE ACTION THAT WE
23 TAKE TODAY ON TRAUMA CARE DOES NOT PRECLUDE ANY FUTURE
24 RESTORATION ACTION FOR A TRAUMA CARE SYSTEM AT MARTIN LUTHER



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1 KING HOSPITAL. SO THIS IS ALL ACADEMIC, WE DON'T NEED A
2 MOTION.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I WOULD JUST SAY THAT NAVIGANT IS ALREADY
7 REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ONGOING ASSESSMENTS ON THE OPERATION AND
8 CLINICAL SERVICES WHICH INCLUDE THE IMPACT ON REDUCTION OF
9 TRAUMA SERVICES AT KING DREW. SO THIS IS ALREADY PART OF THE
10 ACTION THAT'S BEING RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH.

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT, WE'LL BE GETTING REGULAR REPORTS
13 BACK FROM NAVIGANT, AS WELL AS THE FORMAL ASSESSMENT IN TWO
14 MONTHS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THOSE REPORTS WILL BE COMING QUARTERLY OR
17 HOW-- APPROXIMATELY?

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** EVERY 60 DAYS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EVERY 60 DAYS. THANK YOU, DOCTOR.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** FROM EVERYTHING THAT I HAVE HEARD, THAT WAS NEVER
3 TOTALLY UNDERSTOOD BY THE MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD AND I THINK IT
4 HAS TO BE CLARIFIED. IT HAS TO BE STATED. AND, IF THAT IS WHAT
5 IS THE INTENTION, WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH STATING IT? [
6 APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, I MEAN, I AGREE WITH THAT. I MEAN, I
9 THINK THERE'S A TWO-PRONGED PROCESS HERE, ONE THAT YOU'RE
10 TALKING ABOUT IS STATING IT PUBLICLY. TWO, ALSO, OBVIOUSLY,
11 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION, YOU KNOW, IS
12 CONTINGENT UPON HARBOR U.C.L.A. TO BE ABLE TO PICK UP THE
13 SLACK, SAINT FRANCIS... [INTERJECTIONS]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE! EXCUSE ME. AND SO, I MEAN, I THINK
16 WE NEED UPDATES ON THAT AS WELL, TOO, YOU KNOW, IN
17 CONSULTATION WITH NAVIGANT TO BE ABLE TO GET THOSE UPDATES OF
18 HOW THAT'S GOING ALONG, AS THE REDUCTION OF TRAUMA SERVICES AT
19 KING DREW PROGRESSES IF THAT WERE TO BE THE ACTION. AND SO I
20 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE PUBLICLY STATE THAT, THAT WE
21 EXPECT THAT BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT COMING TOGETHER HERE THAT--
22 AND WE'RE PAYING A LOT OF MONEY TO NAVIGANT AND WE'D LIKE TO
23 HAVE THEM VALIDATE-- WE'D LIKE TO HAVE THEM VALIDATE AND MAKE
24 SURE THAT WE'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING. OKAY?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I NEED TO ASK SOME CLARIFICATIONS. I HAVE THE
6 LATEST, AS I UNDERSTAND, THE LATEST REVISED AMENDMENTS TO THIS
7 MOTION, IS THAT CORRECT?

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** YES.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO LET ME ASK FOR THE CLARIFICATION. IN
12 ESTABLISHING A GOAL FOR THE RESTORATION OF TRAUMA SERVICES, IF
13 CERTAIN INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CONDITIONS ARE ALIGNED,
14 INCLUDING QUALITY RESOURCES, PATIENT NEED AND THE MISSION OF
15 KING DREW. DO I UNDERSTAND THAT TO MEAN THAT THE FIRST THING
16 WE NEED TO DO IS SAVE THE HOSPITAL SO THAT WE CAN SAVE TRAUMA?

17

18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S CORRECT?

21

22 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO DOES THAT MEAN, AGAIN, AND I JUST WANT TO
25 UNDERSTAND THIS CORRECTLY, THAT THE FIRST PREMISE IS TO SAVE



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1 THE HOSPITAL AND THE HOSPITAL BEDS AND THE EMERGENCY ROOM? [
2 INTERJECTIONS]

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4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** AND ASSURE QUALITY-- YES, AND ENSURE
5 SAFETY. YES. [GAVEL]

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S CORRECT. OKAY. AND IS THAT DONE WITHIN--
8 AND, AGAIN, SO THAT'S ESTABLISHING A GOAL. THEN IT GOES ON TO
9 THE RESIDENT TRAINING PROGRAM, WHICH I UNDERSTAND, AND THEN IT
10 SAYS, "IN CONSULTATION WITH NAVIGANT, CONDUCT ONGOING
11 ASSESSMENTS OF WHETHER KING DREW CAN SAFELY PROVIDE TRAUMA
12 SERVICE AND AT WHAT VOLUME OF PATIENTS." [INTERJECTIONS]

13

14 **THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SURE.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, WE JUST-- I JUST WANT TO
17 UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT. [INTERJECTIONS CONTINUE]

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT, WHICH IS WHY
20 I'M ASKING CLARIFYING QUESTIONS HERE.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE. FAIR ENOUGH. [INTERJECTIONS]

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN LET ME UNDERSTAND, THEN IT SAYS, "THE
2 DEPARTMENT REPORTS BACK TO US ON FEBRUARY THE 15TH OF THE
3 ADVISORY GROUP FINDINGS." SO DOES THIS MEAN THAT, DURING THAT
4 INTERIM, THERE IS A PROCESS OF SUSPENSION GOING ON? [
5 INTERJECTIONS]

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I'M ASKING A CLARIFYING QUESTION.

8

9 **THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IT DOES MEAN-- YES.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. YES.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, FIRST OF ALL, NO SUSPENSION UNTIL MARCH. [
14 INTERJECTIONS]

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT!

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, NO, NO, NO, NO.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. THAT'S-- MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE
21 WOULD NOT BE AN IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION, THAT THE SUSPENSION
22 WOULD TAKE PLACE PROBABLY IN 90 DAYS.

23

24 **THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THAT WASN'T MY UNDERSTANDING.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, NO, NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT'S GOING... MY
2 UNDERSTANDING...

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** IT SAYS 60 TO 90 DAYS. THERE'S NO WAY TO DO IT IN
5 LESS THAT TIME, ANYHOW.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT I THINK THAT'S THE TIME IT TAKES TO
8 IMPLEMENT IT.

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT STARTS, PRESUMABLY, UPON A BOARD DECISION
13 AND THEN IT TAKES-- IT TAKES 60 DAYS TO RAMP IT DOWN, I GUESS,
14 IS THE...

15

16 **THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S, THAT'S THE 60 TO 90 DAYS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME ASK-- AGAIN, I AGREE. WE NEED TO CLARIFY
21 HERE. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO NOT JUST THE COMMUNITY, THIS IS--
22 THE ENTIRE COUNTY RELIES ON THAT HOSPITAL, NOT JUST A CERTAIN
23 GROUP OF PEOPLE, ALL OF US DO. AND... [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

24 [GAVEL] [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THE REALITY IS THAT OUR FIRST RESPONSIBILITY,
2 AND THIS IS WHAT WE'RE UNDERTAKING, IS TO SAVE KING DREW. KING
3 DREW. WE WANT TO SAVE THE HOSPITAL. [INTERJECTIONS]

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO I WANT TO UNDERSTAND... [INTERJECTIONS
6 CONTINUE]

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THIS MOTION BECAUSE I DON'T
9 WANT TO MISLEAD THIS COMMUNITY OR ANY COMMUNITY. [
10 INTERJECTIONS]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE!

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M TRYING TO GET CLARIFICATION. SO THAT WOULD
15 MEAN WE WOULD STILL PROCEED TO CLOSE, TO SUSPEND SERVICES FOR
16 TRAUMA AT KING... [INTERJECTIONS]

17

18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'RE NOT-- SHE'S ASKING THE...

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT, I KNOW WHAT YOU
23 WANT...

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU GOT TO BE ON ABOUT IT SO THAT... [INTERJECTIONS]

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ...BUT I'VE GOT TO ASK A CLARIFICATION OF THIS MOTION. AND SO THAT WOULD BASICALLY SUSPEND IT UNTIL...

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. OUR RECOMMENDATION STANDS...

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** ...UNTIL WE CAN SAVE THE HOSPITAL. AND SAVING THE HOSPITAL IS GETTING IT BACK ON FULL ACCREDITATION, MAKING SURE WE PASS OUR J.C.A.H.O., MAKING SURE THAT WE CAN GET IT BACK INTO A TEACHING HOSPITAL, ALL OF THOSE ISSUES, CORRECT?

13

14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** PAST J.C.A.H.O., PASS CMS, ASSURE SAFETY STANDARDS ARE MET.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEN WE WOULD RESTORE IT?

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** FULLY STAFFED.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN WE WOULD RESTORE?

22

23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, I HAVE SAID THAT WE-- THAT WE WOULD, YEAH. [INTERJECTIONS] [GAVEL] [INTERJECTIONS]
25 CONTINUE] [GAVEL]



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2 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I HAVE NOT MADE AN ASSURANCE OF
3 RESTORATION BECAUSE, AT A GIVEN MOMENT, IF WE NEED TO LOOK AT
4 THE NEEDS, THE CAPABILITY AND THE LONG-TERM MISSION OF THE
5 HOSPITAL, THAT'S ALL.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT-- DR. GARTHWAITE, I UNDERSTAND
8 THOSE ASSESSMENTS NEED TO BE MADE.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT IT WOULD BE A GOAL-- I MEAN, I WOULD JUST SAY,
11 BUT THE THING THAT'S IMPORTANT...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH IS NUMBER ONE, ESTABLISH THE GOAL FOR
14 RESTORATION.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S RIGHT, NUMBER ONE, AND I THINK THAT-- DR.
17 GARTHWAITE, WHAT I CERTAINLY WANT TO GET, AS AN ASSURANCE FROM
18 YOU, IS THAT THAT WILL BE THE GOAL, THAT YOUR GOAL IS GOING TO
19 BE TO RESTORE IT AS IT IS, TO RESTORE THE SURGERY, RESIDENCY
20 AND OTHER THINGS. I ACKNOWLEDGE-- I UNDERSTAND THAT ALL OF
21 THESE ARE BASED UPON ACCREDITATION. WE'VE GOT TO GET BY
22 J.C.A.H.O. BEFORE WE CAN TALK ABOUT THIS, BUT WE'RE GOING TO
23 TRY TO GET BY J.C.A.H.O. SO WE CAN GET THE ACCREDITATION. AND
24 THEN THE NEXT THING IS GOING TO BE VERY IMPORTANT, AFTER WE
25 GET THE ACCREDITATION, IS TO ALSO GET THESE RESIDENCIES. BUT I



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1 HOPE THAT WE CAN START MOVING TOWARD RESTORATION PRIOR TO THE
2 TIME BECAUSE I KNOW IT'S A LONG HAUL GETTING ALL THE
3 RESIDENCIES BACK. BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY USE OTHER HOSPITALS TO
4 COOPERATE WITH US AND, AS WE MOVE FORWARD, IF WE HAVE NOT BEEN
5 ABLE TO ACHIEVE A FULL RESTORATION OF ALL THOSE RESIDENCIES.
6 THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET FROM YOU.

7

8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SURE. AND, CERTAINLY, THE GOAL IS TO
9 PROVIDE THE VERY BEST TRAUMA SERVICES TO WHOEVER... [
10 INTERJECTIONS]

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** AND SO, IF WE CAN HAVE THE MEDICAL
13 CENTER AT-- YOU KNOW, REBUILT TO A SOLID LEVEL WHERE IT COULD
14 SUPPORT TRAUMA SERVICES AND THOSE CONTINUE TO BE NEEDED AND WE
15 HAVE THE RESOURCES TO DO IT, YES, THAT IS OUR GOAL, TO BRING
16 BACK TRAUMA.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** THE GOAL IS TO BRING IT BACK. OKAY. THAT'S WHAT I
19 WANTED.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** ONE LAST CLARIFICATION...

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** ON THE RECORD.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** ONE LAST CLARIFICATION. IS THIS A SUBSTITUTE OR
3 AN AMENDMENT?

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S AN AMENDMENT.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S AN AMENDMENT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK IT'S BEEN A HELPFUL DISCUSSION AND I
16 AGREE WITH THE SENTIMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN-- I THINK WE NEED TO
17 BE VERY STRAIGHT ABOUT WHAT'S BEING DONE HERE AND I ALSO HAVE--
18 - I WANT TO JUST SAY, I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH-- THIS IS THE TAIL
19 END, THIS IS A MIX-AND-MATCH, CUT-AND-PASTE KIND OF A MOTION
20 WITH THE BOTTOM HERE, THE FEBRUARY 15TH. I THINK IT'S
21 UNRELATED TO WHAT COMES BEFORE IT BUT WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT AND
22 I JUST-- I THINK WE NEED TO JUST SET A COURSE. THE COURSE
23 THAT-- AND, MR. ANTONOVICH, I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND I
24 DON'T DISAGREE WITH THEM, I JUST DON'T THINK IT DOES ANY HARM,
25 ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE IS, FOR WHATEVER REASON AND SOME GOOD



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1 REASONS, SOME NOT-SO-GOOD REASONS, SKEPTICISM ABOUT WHAT THE
2 COUNTY'S ULTIMATE GOALS ARE. I THINK IT DOESN'T HURT TO
3 REITERATE OR TO ITERATE, SINCE I'M NOT SURE THAT WE EVER
4 ITERATED IT BEFORE, WHAT OUR GOALS ARE AND I THINK, IN THAT
5 REGARD, AS MY CONVERSATION WITH CONGRESSMAN WATERS YESTERDAY,
6 I'VE USED THE TERM "SUSPENSION" FROM DAY ONE, MOSTLY, BECAUSE
7 I FULLY EXPECT THAT, WHEN THE HOSPITAL WAS BROUGHT BACK TO A
8 LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE THAT THE COMMUNITY DESERVES, WHEN THE
9 FACILITY IS OPERATING AND HUMMING THE WAY IT SHOULD, THAT WE
10 WILL RESTORE TRAUMA. WE CAN USE MORE, NOT LESS TRAUMA CENTERS
11 IN THIS TOWN... [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...SEPARATE AND APART-- HEY, HEY, HEY. SHHH,
14 SHHH. SO I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN I HAVE AN APPLAUSE LINE. THAT
15 WASN'T IT. [LAUGHTER] [INTERJECTIONS]

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE THAT
18 STATEMENT CLEAR. BUT I THINK MS. MOLINA MADE IT VERY CLEAR AND
19 I TOTALLY AGREE WITH HER THAT EVERYBODY OUGHT TO KNOW THAT,
20 CALL IT SUSPENSION OR CALL IT CLOSURE, I MEAN, SUSPENSION, TO
21 ME, MEANS WE HAVE THE GOAL, AS IT STATES IN THE MOTION, TO
22 REOPEN. BUT WE'RE-- IF WE TAKE THE ACTION THAT YOUR REPORT
23 RECOMMENDS, AS AMENDED BY THIS, IN SOME ITERATION, THAT THE
24 PROCESS OF ELIMINATING TRAUMA BEGINS AND, YOU KNOW, FOR THE
25 DURATION, UNTIL THE HOSPITAL IS PUT BACK ON ITS FEET, AND



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1 THAT'S IN CONSULTATION WITH NAVIGANT, WITH YOU, WITH OUR
2 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. I THINK THAT'S GOT TO BE VERY CLEAR AND I
3 KNOW THAT NOT EVERYBODY-- THAT NOBODY IN THIS AUDIENCE IS
4 GOING TO LIKE THAT BUT I WANT TO JUST, MR. CHAIRMAN, SAY ONE
5 LAST KIND OF GLOBAL THING. [INTERJECTIONS]

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS-- WE HEARD A LOT OF TESTIMONY LAST
8 WEEK AND WE'VE HEARD A LOT OF TESTIMONY ON A NUMBER OF
9 OCCASIONS ON THIS AND ALL OF US HAVE OPINIONS ABOUT THIS
10 HOSPITAL BUT THEY'RE ONLY-- AND LET ME JUST SAY A WORD ABOUT
11 MRS. BURKE, I THINK EVERY ONE OF US UNDERSTANDS HOW DEEPLY
12 COMMITTED TO THIS HOSPITAL WE ALL ARE, I THINK WE ALL... [
13 INTERJECTIONS]

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...UNDERSTAND-- SHHH. WE ALL UNDERSTAND HOW
16 DEEPLY COMMITTED TO THIS HOSPITAL THAT MRS. BURKE IS AND SHE--
17 AND SHE-- [INTERJECTIONS]

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN>

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL [INAUDIBLE] CLEAR THE ROOM...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU KNOW, IF TODAY'S-- IF THE ORDER OF THE
24 DAY IS TO TRY TO DISRUPT THE MEETING, THEN MAYBE WE OUGHT TO
25 JUST, YOU KNOW, DEAL WITH IT THAT WAY, BECAUSE WE'VE GOT



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1 BUSINESS TO TRANSACT. THIS IS NOT AN APPROPRIATE WAY. SO, IF
2 THE ULTIMATE GOAL TODAY IS TO HAVE AN INCIDENT, THEN SO BE IT.
3 BUT WE HAVE-- IF WE CAN'T HAVE THIS KIND OF A DIALOGUE, THEN
4 THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG. SO I WANT TO GO BACK TO-- MRS.
5 BURKE'S VIEWS ON THIS FROM DAY ONE HAVE BEEN-- HAVE NOT BEEN
6 SUPPORTIVE OF THE TRAUMA RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU MADE. I THINK
7 WE ALL KNOW THAT. BUT I THINK ALL FIVE OF US ARE IN AGREEMENT
8 ON ONE PARAMOUNT GOAL AND THAT IS THE HOSPITAL NEEDS TO BE
9 SAVED AND THAT THE ONLY THING WORSE THAN CLOSING ONE OR THE
10 OTHER DEPARTMENT IN THE HOSPITAL IS TO HAVE THE WHOLE HOSPITAL
11 GO. AND THE MELTDOWN, THE DOMINO EFFECT AND THE MELTDOWN THAT
12 IT WOULD HAVE, NOT JUST IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUT
13 THROUGHOUT THE REGION, IN EVERY PART OF THE COUNTY, IS SELF-
14 EVIDENT. THE SECOND THING WE HAVE TO DO IS WE NEED TO BE
15 HONEST AMONG OURSELVES AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE I'VE
16 BEEN ON THE BOARD AND, ACTUALLY, IT'S THE FIRST TIME SINCE
17 I'VE BEEN OBSERVING THIS BOARD WHEN I WAS STILL AT THE CITY
18 COUNCIL ON THE ISSUE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL WHEN THERE
19 HAS BEEN AN HONEST, IF NOT PAINFUL DISCUSSION, ABOUT WHAT'S
20 GOING ON AT THAT HOSPITAL AND IT'S LONG OVERDUE THAT WE'VE HAD
21 THAT KIND OF DISCUSSION, THAT KIND OF CONVERSATION. WE OUGHT
22 TO BE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHAT'S WRONG WITH
23 ANY OF OUR FACILITIES IN ANY PART OF THE COUNTY, WHETHER IT'S
24 A MEDICAL CENTER OR A WELFARE DEPARTMENT OR A CHILD WELFARE
25 ISSUE OR WHAT HAVE YOU. AND WHEN WE DON'T, WHEN WE'RE-- WHEN



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1 THERE'S ATTEMPTS TO-- WHEN THE COUNTY POLICYMAKERS DO NOT HAVE
2 THE COURAGE TO SPEAK OPENLY TO OUR CONSTITUENTS AND TO HEAR
3 OPENLY FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON, WE DON'T
4 SERVE EITHER OUR CONSTITUENTS OR OURSELVES. AND THE REASON
5 WE'RE IN THE SITUATION WE'RE IN TODAY, IN MY JUDGMENT, AT THIS
6 HOSPITAL, IS BECAUSE, FOR FAR TOO LONG, ALL OF US
7 COLLECTIVELY, ALL OF US, AND WE ALL BEAR A SHARE OF THE
8 RESPONSIBILITY, INCLUDING PEOPLE WHO AREN'T ON THIS BOARD BUT
9 PRIMARILY THE PEOPLE ON THIS BOARD, ALL BEAR A RESPONSIBILITY
10 FOR NOT HAVING HAD THIS KIND OF CONVERSATION FIVE YEARS AGO,
11 10 YEARS AGO, 20 YEARS AGO, 25 YEARS AGO. [INTERJECTIONS]

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND OF THERE'S ONE THING I THINK WE ALL
14 AGREE ON... [INTERJECTIONS]

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...IF THERE'S ONE THING I THINK WE ALL AGREE
17 ON, IS THAT, WHEN THIS PROCESS IS OVER, THAT OUR OBJECTIVE IS
18 TO RESTORE THIS HOSPITAL TO A LEVEL OF SERVICE, A QUALITY OF
19 SERVICE THAT IS NOT JUST STANDARD, I HOPE BETTER THAN STANDARD
20 AND THAT IT CAN BE A CENTER OF MEDICAL EXCELLENCE FOR OUR
21 COUNTY. AND THERE'S NO REASON IT CAN'T BE THAT WAY BUT IT
22 ISN'T THAT WAY NOW, AND WE'VE GOT TO FIX IT AND FOR BETTER OR
23 WORSE... [INTERJECTIONS]

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...FOR BETTER OR WORSE... [INTERJECTIONS]



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...I COMMEND YOU, DR. GARTHWAITE, YOU'VE
3 TAKEN A LOT OF HEAT. YOU HAVE MADE A RECOMMENDATION. IT IS A
4 DIFFICULT RECOMMENDATION BUT EVERY DOCTOR OUTSIDE OF THIS
5 HOSPITAL, EVERY PHYSICIAN, EVERY DEAN OF EVERY MEDICAL SCHOOL
6 IN THIS COUNTY, EVERY PROFESSIONAL IN THE MEDICAL FIELD HAS
7 BACKED YOU UP, EVERY-- DENNIS O'LEARY HAS BACKED YOU UP. [
8 INTERJECTIONS]

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** J.C.A.H.O. HAS BACKED YOU UP. [
11 INTERJECTIONS] [GAVEL]

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I-- AND I-- AND I THINK YOU-- AND I
14 THINK WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT. SO LET'S HOPE THAT, A YEAR FROM
15 NOW OR SIX MONTHS FROM NOW, HOWEVER LONG IT TAKES, THAT THIS
16 HOSPITAL WILL BE ONE THAT THE COMMUNITY DESERVES, A QUALITY OF
17 SERVICE THAT IT DESERVES AND EXPECTS. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANYTHING ELSE? [INTERJECTIONS]

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'M GOING TO-- IF YOU'D MOVE, MAYBE,
22 OVER TO THE SIDE OVER HERE AND I'M GOING TO ASK CONGRESSWOMAN
23 WATERS, COUNCILMAN LUDLOW, COUNCILMAN VILLARAGOSA... [CHEERS
24 AND APPLAUSE] [GAVEL] [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE CONTINUES] [
25 INTERJECTIONS]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I DON'T SEE HIM. SENATOR WHO?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HE'S RIGHT OVER THERE TRYING TO GET IN. LET
5 SENATOR BENSON IN. DEPUTY? DO YOU GET TO LET SENATOR BENSON
6 IN?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HE DIDN'T SIGN UP. [INTERJECTIONS CONTINUE
9]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW... [INTERJECTIONS]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE. [GAVEL]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALLOW THE SPEAKERS TO SPEAK. CONGRESSWOMAN
16 WATERS.

17

18 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I AM VERY
19 PLEASED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU TODAY AND
20 I MUST SAY TO ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS, I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL,
21 NOT ONLY FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE TODAY, BUT FOR THE
22 TIME THAT YOU SPENT IN THE BEILENSEN HEARINGS. I WANT YOU TO
23 KNOW THAT OUR COMMUNITY THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE BASICALLY A
24 RUN-THROUGH, A PAT ON THE HEAD. YOU STAYED UNTIL LATE IN THE
25 EVENING AND WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE THAT. AND I WANT TO SAY TO



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1 THOSE SUPERVISORS THAT I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH AND
2 TALK WITH YESTERDAY, I'M APPRECIATIVE FOR THE TIME THAT YOU
3 HAVE SPENT IN THIS DEBATE AND IN THIS DISCUSSION. LET ME JUST
4 BEG OF YOU TO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS DEBATE HAS BEEN EXTREMELY
5 PAINFUL AND EMOTIONAL AND THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE TODAY
6 AND WHO CAME ON MONDAY AND THE CROWDS THAT YOU SAW ARE THERE
7 BECAUSE THEY ARE INDEED FRIGHTENED ABOUT WHAT MAY OR MAY NOT
8 HAPPEN WITH THE RECOMMENDATION. SO, HAVING SAID THAT, LET ME
9 JUST SAY, AND I WOULD ASK THE AUDIENCE TO INDULGE ME AND I'M
10 NOT ASKING FOR ANY SHOW OF SUPPORT OR ANYTHING AT THIS POINT,
11 I WANT IT VERY CLEAR WHAT MY STATEMENTS ARE AND I DO WISH THE
12 SUPERVISORS TO HEAR THAT, SO IF YOU COULD HOLD IT DOWN FOR A
13 MOMENT, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT. I WANT YOU TO BE CLEAR THAT I
14 DO NOT WISH TO SEE THE TRAUMA CENTER CLOSED, THAT EVERYTHING
15 THAT I HAVE BEEN DOING IS TO TRY AND KEEP THAT TRAUMA CENTER
16 OPENED. I UNDERSTAND THAT MR. GARTHWAITE HAS MADE THIS
17 RECOMMENDATION AND, OBVIOUSLY, HE FEELS STRONGLY ABOUT IT. I
18 DO NOT AGREE WITH HIM, NOR DO I THINK HE HAS GIVEN TO YOU THE
19 SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTATION TO PROVE THAT THIS IS A WAY TO FIX
20 ANY PROBLEMS AT KING HOSPITAL. WHAT I BELIEVE IS THAT MR.
21 GARTHWAITE HAS FAILED IN HIS MANAGEMENT AND HIS OVERSIGHT.
22 THIS IS A DESPERATE MOVE TO CLOSE THE TRAUMA CENTER, TO DO
23 SOMETHING DRAMATIC TO GET THE ATTENTION OF THE FEDERAL
24 GOVERNMENT, AND PERHAPS THEIR ACCREDITATION AGENCY, BUT I DO
25 BELIEVE THAT THE FAULT LIES WITH THE LACK OF GOOD OVERSIGHT



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1 AND MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION AND, OF COURSE, SOME OTHER
2 THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED, DESPITE WHAT MR. GARTHWAITE
3 SAYS, A LACK OF RESOURCES FOR THE APPROPRIATE STAFFING THAT'S
4 NEEDED AT THE HOSPITAL. SO, HAVING SAID THAT, JUST AS YOU'RE
5 GOING TO DO AN EVALUATION OF THE PROGRESS THAT'S GOING TO BE
6 MADE AT THE HOSPITAL, JUST AS NAVIGANT IS GOING TO TAKE A LOOK
7 AT THE ENTIRE HOSPITAL, I THINK THAT MR. GARTHWAITE'S
8 MANAGEMENT NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED ALSO TO SEE... [CHEERS AND
9 APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE! [GAVEL] [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** HAVING SAID THAT, I WANT TO MAKE
14 IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK IT'S CLEAR, THAT I
15 AND THE REST OF US ARE NOT OPPOSED TO CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL
16 HAVING A TRAUMA CENTER. WE BELIEVE THAT THE TRAUMA CENTER
17 NETWORK SHOULD BE EXPANDED. SO WE'RE NOT OPPOSED TO THAT. OUR
18 DISCUSSION ABOUT CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL ONLY HAS TO DO WITH,
19 NUMBER ONE, MAKING SURE THAT NO RESOURCES ARE TAKEN FROM KING
20 TO PROP UP THAT TRAUMA CENTER, AND I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT THEY
21 WOULD NOT BE, THAT THE \$18 MILLION THAT'S BEEN SPENT ON THE
22 TRAUMA CENTER AT KING WILL REMAIN THERE IN EMERGENCY SERVICES,
23 THAT THIS WILL BE NEW MONEY, UNALLOCATED MONEY FROM PROP B
24 THAT WOULD GO TO THE CENTER. NOW, I MUST TELL YOU, I
25 UNDERSTAND THAT. I AM CONCERNED AND OPPOSED TO THEM TAKING THE



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1 PATIENT POPULATION. I DON'T THINK THAT THE TRAUMA CENTER AT
2 CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL COULD WORK WITHOUT THAT PATIENT
3 POPULATION. THUS, THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH MY OPPOSITION TO THE
4 CLOSURE OF THE TRAUMA CENTER TO BEGIN WITH. NOW, LET ME JUST
5 SAY THIS. WHILE PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THE EMOTIONALISM THAT'S
6 INVOLVED WITH OPPOSING THE CLOSURE OR THE RECOMMENDATION FOR
7 CLOSURE, IT IS NOT SIMPLY EMOTIONAL. THERE ARE VALID CONCERNS.
8 WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE INCREASED TRAVEL TIME. WE'RE
9 CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL REALLY HAS
10 THE ABILITY TO ABSORB MORE TRAUMA PATIENTS. IF YOU'VE SEEN
11 SOME OF THEIR STATEMENTS, THEY HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY DON'T
12 BELIEVE THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO DO IT AT THIS TIME. I DON'T KNOW
13 IF THAT'S PUTTING THEM INTO A NEGOTIATING POSITION OR WHAT BUT
14 WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE LACK OF
15 RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF NURSES. SUPERVISOR, YOU WANT TO
16 MAKE SURE THAT THE HOSPITAL PROBLEMS ARE CORRECTED. AT THE
17 CENTER OF THOSE PROBLEMS ARE THE LACK-- IS THE LACK OF NURSES,
18 RECRUITMENT, RETENTION OF NURSES. AND SO WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT
19 THAT, TOO. AND IF MR. GARTHWAITE DOES NOT SUPERVISE A GREAT
20 JOB IN DOING THIS, THEN WE'RE GOING TO BE RIGHT BACK WHERE WE
21 ARE. AND SO I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT
22 WE, TOO, ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NURSES. NO, MR. GARTHWAITE,
23 WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE CONTRACT OR TRAVELING NURSES HAVE
24 THE SAME LOYALTY TO THE HOSPITAL AS PERMANENT NURSES WOULD
25 HAVE. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]



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2 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** I WANT TO SAY THIS, TOO. I THINK
3 IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR EVERYBODY TO UNDERSTAND. WE DO NOT
4 SUPPORT INCOMPETENCY. WE DO NOT SUPPORT IRRESPONSIBILITY. IT
5 IS MR. GARTHWAITE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE TO IT THAT PEOPLE
6 WHO DON'T DO THEIR JOB ARE FIRED. [INTERJECTIONS AND
7 APPLAUSE)

8

9 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** SO BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT THAT. WE
10 DO NOT SUPPORT-- WE DO NOT SUPPORT INCOMPETENCY AND I WANT
11 EVERYBODY TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE DON'T MANAGE THE HOSPITAL, WE
12 DON'T HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIRING AND FIRING. THAT'S
13 MR. GARTHWAITE'S RESPONSIBILITY. AND IF THERE ARE INCOMPETENT
14 PEOPLE THERE, THEN HE NEEDS TO BE EVALUATED BASED ON
15 INCOMPETENCY. LET ME JUST SAY THAT, IN ADDITION TO OUR
16 CONCERNS ABOUT THE LACK OF STAFFING AND STAFFING NURSES, I
17 WANT TO PUT THIS ON THE RECORD. OUR COMMUNITY HAS THE HIGHEST
18 RATE OF OBESITY, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, CANCER MORTALITY, STROKE
19 MORTALITY, CORONARY HEART DISEASE MORTALITY AND DIABETES
20 MORTALITY. OTHER AREAS OF THE CITY MAY HAVE HIGH RATES OF
21 THESE DISEASES BUT PEOPLE DON'T DIE FROM THEM. THEY DO NOT GET
22 HELP IN TIME. AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THIS DISPARITY THAT'S
23 GOING TO HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED IN OUR COMMUNITY NO MATTER WHAT
24 WE DO. OUR COMMUNITY HAS THE HIGHEST RATE OF UNINSURED
25 CHILDREN, THAT 17.7%, THE HIGHEST RATE OF THOSE LIVING BELOW



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1 THE POVERTY LINE, 32%, AND OUR COMMUNITY IS DISPROPORTIONATELY
2 YOUNG, 40% BELOW 19 YEARS OF AGE. WE HAVE THE HIGHEST
3 PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH FAIR OR POOR HEALTH AND
4 THE HIGHEST TEEN BIRTH RATE. SO THIS STRUGGLE THAT WE ARE
5 INVOLVED IN IS NOT SIMPLY A STRUGGLE ABOUT THE CLOSURE OF THE
6 TRAUMA CENTER. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE OVERALL HEALTH OF OUR
7 ENTIRE COMMUNITY. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT STRENGTHENING THAT
8 HOSPITAL AND, CERTAINLY, WE THINK HAVING A TRAUMA CENTER IS
9 CENTRAL TO THAT. NOW, HAVING SAID THAT, I RECOGNIZE THAT YOU
10 DON'T HAVE THE SUPPORT OF CONGRESS-- USED TO BE CONGRESSMAN
11 BUT SUPERVISOR BURKE, OF EVERYBODY TO KEEP THIS TRAUMA CENTER
12 OPENED AS YOU HAVE INDICATED YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO BUT WHAT YOU
13 HAVE DONE IS THE VERY BEST JOB THAT COULD BE DONE TO MAKE SURE
14 THAT, IF... [INTERJECTIONS]

15

16 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** ...IF THE RECOMMENDATION IS
17 ENTERTAINED IN ANY WAY, THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A COMPLETE
18 SHUTDOWN OF THAT TRAUMA CENTER, THAT YOU WILL RETAIN THE
19 DESIGNATION SO THAT THE DESIGNATION IS NEVER LOST, AS I
20 UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. YOU WOULD ALSO REVERT TO
21 SUSPENSION BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO CHOICE. IF YOU GO TO
22 SUSPENSION, SUSPENSION DOES NOT TAKE PLACE EVEN IMMEDIATELY,
23 THAT THE TRAUMA CENTER WOULD HAVE TO OPERATE, ESSENTIALLY,
24 UNTIL CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL IS UP AND RUNNING. NOW, I WANT TO
25 TELL YOU AND I WANT TO SAY TO THE OTHER SUPERVISORS, I AM NOT



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1 SO SURE THAT, GIVEN WHAT YOU NEED IN A TRAUMA CENTER, THE
2 CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL IS GOING TO BE UP AND RUNNING AT THE TIME
3 THAT YOU THINK THAT IT IS BECAUSE, NUMBER ONE, THEY'VE
4 INDICATED THAT THEY NEED A LOT MORE MONEY TO GET OUT OF THE
5 GATE WITH, WHICH YOU ARE SUPPLYING. BUT, IN ADDITION TO THAT,
6 THE KIND OF EXPERTISE THAT YOU HAVE AT KING, THE KIND OF
7 SPECIALTIES THAT YOU HAVE THERE ARE NOT EASILY DUPLICATED AND
8 I SUPPOSE CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL IS GOING TO BE ASKING FOR SOME
9 OF THOSE SPECIALTIES TO COME OVER AND HELP THEM OUT AT THAT
10 TRAUMA CENTER. SO, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, YOU SAY 60 TO 90 DAYS,
11 THAT MAY TAKE US INTO MARCH, THEN IT MAY GO INTO SUSPENSION.
12 THE PATIENT POPULATION IS THEN DIVERTED OVER TO CALIFORNIA,
13 WITH THE BACKUP BEING HARBOR AND SAINT FRANCIS, ET CETERA. IF
14 THAT IS ALL THAT WE CAN GET OUT OF THIS, THEN THAT'S A
15 REALITY. BUT MR. GARTHWAITE IS NOT COMMITTED TO REOPENING THIS
16 TRAUMA CENTER IF, IN FACT, NAVIGANT AND EVERYBODY ELSE SAYS
17 THAT THIS TRAUMA-- THAT THIS TRAUMA CEN-- THIS HOSPITAL IS
18 FIXED, THAT IT IS OPERATING, THAT, IN FACT, THEY HAVE IMPROVED
19 IN THE MANNER THAT THEY THINK SHOULD IMPROVE-- HE'S NOT
20 COMMITTED TO THAT AND THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T GET HIM TO SAY IT,
21 BECAUSE HE BELIEVES THAT THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE A TRAUMA CENTER
22 AT MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** SO LET ME JUST SAY THIS. I
25 BELIEVE YOU. I TALKED WITH YOU, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, YESTERDAY. I



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1 TALKED WITH YOU, MR. KNABE, YESTERDAY AND I BELIEVE THAT YOU
2 WANT TO RESTORE TRAUMA IF, IN FACT, THE HOSPITAL IS
3 STRENGTHENED. AND, GLORIA, I KNOW THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, YOU
4 WANT-- LET ME JUST SAY THIS, I'M NOT GOING TO SAY GLORIA--
5 YOU'RE MY VERY CLOSE AND DEAR FRIEND BUT I'M GOING TO SAY MS.
6 MOLINA, BECAUSE I CALLED EVERYBODY ELSE "MR." AND I'M AWARE OF
7 WHAT MS. MOLINA, I AM AWARE OF WHAT IT IS YOU WOULD LIKE TO
8 SEE. WE ALL WANT TO SEE THAT BUT I'M GOING TO WARN YOU AGAIN
9 THAT YOU MAY HAVE TO FIGHT FOR THE RESTORATION IF YOU
10 SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT IT DESERVES TO BE RESTORED BECAUSE MR.
11 GARTHWAITE DOES NOT INTEND FOR IT TO BE RESTORED, IN MY
12 ESTIMATION. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** NOW, I'M GOING TO WRAP UP BY
15 SAYING I'M GOING TO SUBMIT TO THE RECORD THE BACKUP
16 INFORMATION ABOUT THE LACK OF HEALTH SERVICES IN S.P.A. 6, AND
17 THE NEED TO IMPROVE THEM, BECAUSE I THINK THAT WE ARE NOW AT A
18 POINT WHERE WE CAN TALK ABOUT WHAT WE DO ABOUT THAT FOLLOWING
19 ALL OF THIS. I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S VERY
20 NECESSARY TO DO. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THERE ARE SEVERAL
21 LAWSUITS THAT HAVE BEEN FILED. AS YOU KNOW, THERE'S A CIVIL
22 RIGHTS LAWSUIT THAT HAS BEEN FILED. I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE
23 SURPRISED. I DO SUPPORT THAT. I DO SUPPORT THAT. IN ADDITION
24 TO THAT, THERE'S ANOTHER LAWSUIT THAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT
25 THAT I THINK YOU MAY HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO THIS MORNING AND



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1 THAT MAKES YOU PERSONALLY RELIABLE FOR YOUR VOTE AND YOUR
2 DECISION SHOULD, IN FACT... [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** JUST A MOMENT, AUDIENCE. SHOULD,
5 IN FACT, THERE'S A LOSS OF LIFE THAT'S DOCUMENTED BECAUSE OF
6 TRAVEL TIME OR BECAUSE OF OTHER KINDS OF THINGS THAT OCCUR.
7 AND SO I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE ANGRY BUT, YOU KNOW, I SUPPORT
8 THAT ALSO BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE IN A STRUGGLE, WE'RE
9 IN A STRUGGLE AND, HOWEVER THIS TURNS OUT IN THE FINAL
10 ANALYSIS, I THINK MR. YAROSLAVSKY SAID IT, WE CREATED THE
11 DEBATE. WE PUT THE ISSUES ON THE TABLE. WE TALKED ABOUT THEM
12 OPENLY, PUBLICLY AND PERHAPS IN THE MOST CREDIBLE WAY AND A
13 LONG TIME. I PART NOT HAPPY BECAUSE I WANT TO KEEP THE TRAUMA
14 CENTER OPEN BUT I ALSO PART UNDERSTAND THE REALITY OF WHERE
15 THE VOTES ARE AND WHERE THEY ARE NOT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
16 INDULGING ME FOR THIS TIME.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** CONGRESSWOMAN WATERS, FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO
19 THANK YOU FOR THE TIME THAT YOU'VE SPENT ON THIS. YOU HAVE
20 SPENT AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF TIME... [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** ...AND, OF COURSE, SOME OF THE TIME IN THE PUBLIC
23 EYE AND SOME OF THE TIME IN THE PRIVATE EYE, AND I APPRECIATE
24 YOUR WORK AND I APPRECIATE YOUR BRINGING TOGETHER THE
25 COMMUNITY AND-- SO THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD FEEL THAT THERE



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1 WAS ABSOLUTELY A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THEIR
2 CONCERNS AND THIS BOARD. ONE OF THE THINGS I'M GOING TO ASK OF
3 YOU, IF WE GET THESE NURSES, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY WE'RE GOING
4 TO GET THEM, BECAUSE EVERY TIME YOU ASK NURSES TO COME THERE,
5 THEY SAY, "WELL, IT'S CLOSING." THE ONLY WAY WE'RE GOING TO
6 GET NURSES TO COME THERE TO WORK IS IF WE SAY AND WE COMMIT TO
7 KEEP THE HOSPITAL OPEN AND THE COMMUNITY SAYS, "WE'RE
8 COMMITTED TO KEEPING IT OPEN AND IT WILL NOT CLOSE." AND, IF
9 WE SAY THAT, NURSES WILL COME BECAUSE THEY'LL SEE A FUTURE
10 THERE. THEY WON'T SAY, "WELL, NOW, WHY SHOULD I WASTE MY TIME
11 COMING TO KING WHEN I CAN GO SOMEWHERE ELSE WHERE I CAN HAVE A
12 LONG-TIME JOB?" WE HAVE OUR RESPONSIBILITY BUT I HOPE ALL OF
13 US WORK TOGETHER, AND I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO BE WORKING.

14

15 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** YES AND I APPRECIATE THAT AND I
16 THINK THAT... [INTERJECTIONS]

17

18 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** ...JUST IN THE LIMITED WAY THAT
19 THE COMMUNITY RESPONDED WHO ARE PRESENT TODAY, WE WILL ALL
20 WORK TOWARD THE SUCCESS OF KING DREW COMPLEX, THE ENTIRE
21 COMPLEX. AS A MATTER OF FACT, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I WOULD
22 LOVE TO BE AT KING ONE DAY A WEEK WITH YOU WALKING THE HALLS,
23 TALKING WITH PEOPLE... [APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

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1 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** ...HELPING TO ENCOURAGE STAFF TO
2 BE THE VERY BEST THAT THEY CAN BE. WE WANT EXCELLENCE AND I
3 WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER. I'M GOING TO WORK WITH
4 SOUTHWEST AND WITH THE COUNTY TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO GET
5 MORE SUPPORT FOR TRAINING AND EDUCATING NURSES, TO MAKE SURE.
6 JUST IN A RECENT APPROPRIATION, DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE HAD
7 AN OMNIBUS BILL, AND IT WAS A LITTLE BIT COMPLICATED, I WAS
8 ABLE TO GET A DESIGNATION FOR SUPPORT OF SOUTHWEST FOR NURSE
9 TRAINING AND RETENTION BUT WE NEED A LOT MORE OF THAT.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** AND COMPTON WITH L.V.N.S.

12

13 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** COMPTON WITH THE L.V.N.S AND THE
14 R.N.S, MORE MONEY, STRONGER PROGRAMS FOR THE SUPPORT OF
15 NURSES, THEY HAVE CHILDCARE PROBLEMS, THEY HAVE HOUSING
16 PROBLEMS. AND SO, IF WE'RE TO TRAIN THESE NURSES, WE REALLY DO
17 NEED TO GIVE THEM THE BACKUP AND SUPPORT AND I THINK THAT
18 SHOULD BE OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY. I CERTAINLY WILL WORK WITH
19 YOU AND THE REST OF THE STAFF FOR AS STRONG A PERMISSION AS
20 YOU WILL GIVE ME, I'LL BE AT KING SAYING WHATEVER NEEDS TO BE
21 SAID IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN OUR ABILITY TO HOLD ONTO THAT
22 HOSPITAL AND TO RESTORE OUR TRAUMA CENTER. AND ALSO I'M GOING
23 TO KEEP MY EYE ON GARTHWAITE, OKAY? [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] [
24 GAVEL]

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. EXCUSE ME. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE
4]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO GET EASIER. I THINK
7 IT'S GOING TO GET HARDER.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I KNOW YOU-- CONGRESSWOMAN, I KNOW YOU SAID
10 YOU DIDN'T WANT ANY APPLAUSE. YOU GOT YOUR APPLAUSE BUT, IN
11 ALL DUE RESPECT, DR. GARTHWAITE HAS NEVER SAID THAT HE WAS NOT
12 COMMITTED TO REOPENING THE TRAUMA CENTER. [INTERJECTIONS]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY? HE HAS NEVER... [INTERJECTIONS
15 CONTINUE]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HE HAS NEVER-- Y'ALL CAN YELL ALL YOU WANT.
18 HE HAS NEVER SAID THAT.

19

20 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** WELL, WHAT HE DID TODAY...

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE GOAL OF THIS BOARD IS TO REOPEN THE
23 TRAUMA CENTER. THE GOAL OF DR. GARTHWAITE AND HIS HEALTH
24 DEPARTMENT, AS I SAID, WE KNOW HOW THIS HOSPITAL WAS DEVELOPED
25 AND WHAT IT CAME OUT OF BUT IT'S GONE WAY BEYOND A COMMUNITY



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1 HOSPITAL. THIS IS PART OF OUR SAFETY NET. TRAUMA IS PART OF
2 OUR SAFETY NET AND, IN ALL DUE RESPECT TO DR. GARTHWAITE, TO
3 THE DEPARTMENT AND ALL OF US, WE ARE COMMITTED TO THAT AND
4 WE'VE SAID THAT TO YOU PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY.

5

6 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [
7 INTERJECTIONS]

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9 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** YOU COULDN'T HAVE SAID IT ANY
10 BETTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN? MR. CHAIRMAN?

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PARDON ME? SUPERVISOR-- MS.
15 MOLINA. [LAUGHTER]

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SIR. CONGRESSWOMAN, MAXINE, LET'S GET
18 THE CLARIFICATION SO THAT WE UNDERSTAND. I MEAN, THE WORST
19 THING THAT WE COULD BE DOING HERE IS TRYING TO MISLEAD A
20 COMMUNITY AS TO WHERE WE'RE AT. THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE BEFORE
21 US, AGAIN, WHETHER WE AGREE ON PRIORITIES OR NOT, IS TO SAVE
22 THE HOSPITAL.

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24 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** YES.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE ARE UNDER THE THREAT OF LOSING THIS HOSPITAL.

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3 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** YES.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE ARE UNDER JEOPARDY OF IT, WHICH IS WHY WE ARE
6 PUTTING IN NEW MONEY, \$15 MILLION FOR A NEW CONTRACT,
7 PRACTICALLY, AND ALL THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, TO GO IN THERE
8 AND RE-MANAGE THIS FACILITY. AND SO THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT
9 THE FIRST PRIORITY IS TO GET BACK ON TRACK IN SAVING THE
10 HOSPITAL. YOU CAN'T SAVE TRAUMA IF YOU CAN'T SAVE THE
11 HOSPITAL. SO WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THAT'S WHERE WE'RE AT.
12 THAT'S THE BASELINE OF WHERE WE ARE. UNDER THIS AMENDMENT, AS
13 IT'S PUT FORTH, IT ALLOWS US TO PROCEED ON THE TRACK AND I
14 UNDERSTAND YOU DON'T SUPPORT THAT. THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE. BUT
15 THE ISSUE IS THAT YOU HAVE TO AGREE THAT, IN ORDER TO START
16 THIS REPAIR PROCESS, IN ORDER TO SAVE THE HOSPITAL, WE'RE
17 GOING TO HAVE TO START ON THIS TRACK. NOW, EVERY WHICH WAY YOU
18 DEFINE IT, IT HAS GOT TO BE CLEAR THAT WE ARE ON TRACK TO
19 SUSPEND THE TRAUMA SERVICES. I UNDERSTAND THERE MAY BE
20 LAWSUITS OR OTHER KINDS OF THREATS OF LAWSUITS BUT THERE ARE
21 DEATHS THAT ARE GOING ON NOW ON PATIENT BEDS AND IN THE
22 EMERGENCY ROOM TODAY. MOST OF THE DEATHS THAT OCCURRED HAVE
23 NOT OCCURRED IN TRAUMA BUT THE REALITY IS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT
24 MOST OF THE RESOURCES OF OUR MOST TRAINED PHYSICIANS AND MOST
25 TRAINED NURSES, YOU GET-- DO GET DEDICATED INTO THAT TRAUMA



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1 SYSTEM. AND SO IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS
2 AMENDMENT IS. BECAUSE I'M NOT TO MISLEAD THE COMMUNITY THAT
3 THERE'S ANYTHING THERE. WITH REGARD TO WHO MAKES THIS
4 DECISION, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT DR. GARTHWAITE GIVES US
5 RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO DO, WHETHER IT BE
6 NAVIGANT, WHETHER IT BE J.C.A.H.O., WHETHER IT BE ANYONE ELSE
7 BUT IT IS THIS BOARD THAT MAKES THESE DETERMINATIONS AND MAKES
8 THIS DECISION. SO, IF IT IS THIS BOARD'S DETERMINATION TO PASS
9 THIS MOTION AND IT SAYS THAT IT IS SUSPENDED UNTIL CERTAIN
10 THINGS ARE CARRIED OUT AND IT WANTS IT RESTORED ONCE THOSE
11 THINGS ARE BACK IN PLACE, IT IS THIS BOARD'S DECISION TO DO
12 SO. YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT.

13

14 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO I HOPE WE UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT CLARIFICATION
17 IS.

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19 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** THANK YOU. I DO.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. COUNCILMAN LUDLOW.

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23 **COUNCILMAN MARTIN LUDLOW:** WELL, IF YOU EVER WANT TO FEEL
24 INSIGNIFICANT, YOU FOLLOW MAXINE WATERS. [LAUGHTER]

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1 **COUNCILMAN MARTIN LUDLOW:** I WANT TO ALSO EXTEND MY
2 APPRECIATION TO NOT ONLY THE CONGRESS MEMBER FOR HER TIME BUT
3 FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SUPERVISOR
4 ANTONOVICH, CHAIRMAN KNABE, FOR THE WAY IN WHICH YOU HANDLED
5 THE BEILENSON HEARING. I, TOO, APPRECIATED THE AMOUNT OF TIME
6 THAT YOU DEDICATED TO THE COMMUNITY. AND I RECOGNIZE
7 SUPERVISOR BURKE IS IN A PREDICAMENT HERE AND I THINK THE
8 PROPOSAL THAT'S BEEN PUT FORWARD TODAY IS, ESSENTIALLY, FORCED
9 ON HER AT THIS POINT, GIVEN MY IMPRESSION OF HOW EACH ONE OF
10 YOU ARE LOCKED INTO THIS CURRENT MODE OF THINKING, LED BY DR.
11 GARTHWAITE. AND I WANT TO BE VERY, VERY BRIEF AND SIMPLY SAY A
12 COUPLE OF THINGS TO EACH ONE OF YOU. ONE IS, AS CIRCULATED
13 TODAY, A THREE-POINT SUGGESTION THAT I THINK YOU OUGHT TO TAKE
14 VERY SERIOUSLY. DR. GARTHWAITE, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, WHEN I
15 LOOKED AT THE J.C.A.H.O. REPORT, THE J.C.A.H.O. REPORT HAD 12
16 OF 17 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ALL SPOKE TO NURSING SHORTAGE. AND
17 IT SEEMS TO ME THAT, IF WE ARE SCRAMBLING, EACH ONE OF YOU, TO
18 TRY TO FIND A WAY TO HAVE THE J.C.A.H.O. OUTCOME, A POSITIVE
19 OUTCOME, YOU WOULD ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT THEY ACTUALLY PUT
20 IN THE REPORT. THE REPORT-- AND ALSO AS J.C.A.H.O. WAS
21 REPORTED IN THE L.A. TIMES AS LATE AS YESTERDAY, HAVE
22 INDICATED PUBLICLY THAT THEY DON'T BELIEVE CLOSING THE TRAUMA
23 CENTER IS THE ONLY SOLUTION TO TURN THE HOSPITAL AROUND. AND
24 SO NOT ONLY IS THE SOURCE THAT YOU'RE ESSENTIALLY QUOTING
25 TELLING YOU TWO DIFFERENT THINGS, ONE IS THEY'RE TELLING YOU



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1 THE KEY TO TURNING THE FACILITY AROUND, 12 OF 17 POINTS, ARE
2 AN ISSUE, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND, AGAIN, YOU SPOKE TO--
3 WE'RE FINALLY HAVING AN HONEST DISCUSSION. I MEAN, WE CAN GO
4 BACK 15 YEARS AND THE WORKERS AT KING DREW HAVE BEEN SAYING
5 THEY HAVE A STAFFING SHORTAGE AND THERE'S REALLY NOTHING NEW
6 ABOUT THAT. THE ONLY THING THAT IS NEW THAT I SEE COMING TO
7 THE TABLE HERE IS THAT J.C.A.H.O. HAS GOTTEN THE ATTENTION OF
8 DOWNTOWN. AND, TO ME, THAT'S A BIG DIFFERENCE HERE. IT'S A BIG
9 DIFFERENCE. WE DON'T HAVE A PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM DOWN AT KING
10 DREW THAT HAS BEEN ABLE TO ALL OF A SUDDEN WHIP UP SOME OF
11 WHERE THE PROBLEMS ARE COMING TO. AND I THINK WHAT HAS
12 PARTICULARLY CAUGHT THE FRUSTRATION OF A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IS--
13 AND I CONCUR WITH THE CONGRESSWOMAN A HUNDRED PERCENT. I WOULD
14 SUPPORT TERMINATING ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO OUGHT TO BE TERMINATED
15 FOR LACK OF MANAGEMENT OR LACK OF OVERSIGHT. [APPLAUSE]

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17 **COUNCILMAN MARTIN LUDLOW:** THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT WE ALL HAVE TO
18 AGREE ON. BUT WHAT YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU IS THE BODY THAT
19 ACTUALLY ISSUED THE REPORT, THAT ACTUALLY PUT YOU ON NOTICE.
20 AND, BY THE WAY, C.M.S. HAS ALREADY TAKEN KING DREW'S
21 TURNAROUND RECOMMENDATION. THEY'RE LOOKING AT IT AS A LOGICAL
22 WAY TO PROCEED. SO ONE OF THE TWO BODIES THAT YOU CITED IN
23 YOUR NOVEMBER 20TH LETTER-- I BELIEVE IT WAS-- OR, EXCUSE ME,
24 OCTOBER 20TH LETTER, THE DATES ARE A LITTLE BIT OFF HERE, THE
25 ONE DOCUMENT THAT WE ALL HAVE TO REFER TO THAT ACTUALLY POINTS



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1 ANY DEGREE OF LIGHT ON WHAT YOUR THINKING IS, WHICH, BY THE
2 WAY, I SHOULD JUST SAY TO EACH ONE OF YOU, TO ACTUALLY MAKING
3 A DECISION ON SUCH A HUGE ISSUE COMING DOWN TO A FIVE-PAGE
4 LETTER, AS OPPOSED TO A VERY SIGNIFICANT ANALYSIS, REALLY
5 OUGHT TO BE THE FIRST SIGN OF CONCERN FOR EACH ONE OF YOU AS
6 YOU BEGIN TO CAST THIS VOTE TODAY IN LIGHT OF SOME OF THE
7 PENDING LAWSUITS. I THINK THAT YOU OUGHT TO FOLLOW J.C.A.H.O.,
8 YOU OUGHT TO LOOK AT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND MY SUGGESTION,
9 AS WE JUST PUT OUT TO EACH ONE OF YOU, IS VERY SIMPLE. YOU
10 OUGHT TO IMMEDIATELY MAKE A COMMITMENT FROM THIS BOARD TO HIRE
11 24 TO 36 CRITICAL CARE NURSES AND, IN MY OPINION, WHAT YOU
12 COULD DO IS YOU OUGHT TO ASK THE ENTIRE COUNTY NETWORK TO
13 SHARE IN THE BURDEN BECAUSE THIS IS NOT JUST A KING DREW
14 PROBLEM, IT'S A REGIONAL PROBLEM. AND WHERE YOU ARE HAVING THE
15 MOST ACUTE SITUATION, GIVEN THAT J.C.A.H.O. HAS PUT YOU ON
16 NOTICE AT KING DREW, IS TO BRING THOSE CRITICAL CARE NURSING
17 ITEMS FROM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND DO IT IMMEDIATELY. THE
18 SECOND THING, AND YOU REFERENCE THIS IN YOUR REPORT, IS TO
19 REDUCE THE PATIENT LOAD AT KING DREW. I RECOGNIZE, DR.
20 GARTHWAITE, THAT YOU REFERENCED IN THE LETTER, YOU'VE ALREADY
21 MOVED IT FROM 28 DOWN TO 1,800. I WOULD SUGGEST YOU MOVE IT
22 DOWN ANOTHER THIRD TO 1,200. 1,200 WOULD KEEP YOU IN
23 COMPLIANCE WITH THE NUMBERS REQUIRED TO BE A LEVEL ONE OR A
24 LEVEL 2 TRAUMA CENTER BUT IT WOULD NOT REQUIRE THE CLOSURE OF
25 THE TRAUMA CENTER. THE THIRD ITEM THAT I'VE SUGGESTED IN THIS,



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1 AND THIS IS SUPPORTED BY DR. FRED HYDE, WHO SPOKE TO YOU AT
2 THE BEILENSON HEARING AND ALSO THE FORMER SECRETARY OF HEALTH
3 AND HUMAN SERVICES OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, GRANTLIN
4 JOHNSON, IS TO UTILIZE THE RESOURCES THAT YOU HAVE RIGHT
5 AROUND YOU, AS THE CONGRESS MEMBER HAS INDICATED. I THINK YOU
6 COULD ASK HARBOR HOSPITAL TO PROVIDE SOME CO-PILOTING OF KING
7 MEDICAL CENTER AND YOU COULD ALSO ASK U.C.L.A. TO OFFER SOME
8 CO-PILOTING OF DREW MEDICAL SCHOOL. YOU'VE GOT THE RESOURCES
9 RIGHT AROUND YOU, DR. GARTHWAITE AND YOU'RE NOT RECOMMENDING
10 UTILIZING THOSE. YOU'RE GOING TO THE MOST EXTREME CASE OF
11 AMPUTATION THAT YOU COULD FIND AND THAT IS TO CLOSE OFF THE
12 TRAUMA CENTER AND I WILL JUST END WITH THIS...

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DIRECT THEM HERE, OKAY? HE IS RECOMMENDING
15 THAT. HE IS TALKING TO THE OTHER SCHOOLS. I MEAN, THAT'S...

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17 **SUP. BURKE:** HAVE YOU SEEN MY MOTION? AND IT REFERS TO OTHER
18 SCHOOLS, YES.

19

20 **COUNCILMAN MARTIN LUDLOW:** I'VE LOOK AT YOUR MOTION,
21 SUPERVISOR. BUT I'M SAYING THIS WITH ALL DUE RESPECT BECAUSE,
22 IN THE FIRST RECOMMENDATION, YOU'RE GOING STRAIGHT TO TRAUMA
23 CLOSURE AND I THINK, AS MY POINT IS, CHAIRMAN, IN THE
24 J.C.A.H.O. RECOMMENDATIONS, THEY'RE SPEAKING TO THIS AND IT'S
25 A FLAWED LOGIC TO ACTUALLY GO WITH THIS DOCUMENT THAT DOESN'T



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1 REFLECT THE J.C.A.H.O. RECOMMENDATIONS. 12 OUT OF 17 SPEAK
2 DIRECTLY TO THAT. MY LAST POINT ON THIS, MY LAST POINT ON THIS
3 IS AN ABSOLUTE FUNDAMENTAL DISAGREEMENT WITH THE THEORY THAT
4 YOU'RE BASING THIS ON. THE THEORY IS, IF YOU CLOSE THE TRAUMA
5 CENTER, YOU CAN SAVE THE HOSPITAL. THERE ARE NOTED MEDICAL
6 EXPERTS THAT ABSOLUTELY DISAGREE WITH THAT. DOCTORS WHO COME
7 TO U.S.C., MR. YAROSLAVSKY, IN LARGE PART COME BECAUSE THEY
8 WANT THAT U.S.C. CREDENTIAL BEHIND THEIR DESIGNATION. DOCTORS
9 THAT COME TO U.C.L.A. IN LARGE PART COME TO THAT FACILITY
10 BECAUSE THEY WANT THAT U.C.L.A. DESIGNATION. WHAT HAS BEEN
11 TRIED, PROVED, AND TESTED IS THAT PHYSICIANS, AND ESPECIALLY
12 TRAUMA SURGEONS, COME TO KING-- COME TO DREW BECAUSE OF THE
13 TRAUMA CENTER DESIGNATION AND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE THERE. IF
14 YOU CUT OFF THE ONE ASPECT THAT IS OF SIGNIFICANCE TO THOSE
15 RESIDENTS, YOU'RE GOING TO CUT OFF THE POOL OF DOCTORS
16 AVAILABLE TO THE BALANCE OF THE MEDICAL CENTER AND THAT IS A
17 FLAWED LOGIC. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

18

19 **COUNCILMAN MARTIN LUDLOW:** SO I WOULD SUGGEST-- I WOULD SUGGEST
20 THAT YOU TAKE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS VERY SERIOUSLY. I WOULD
21 RECOMMEND THAT YOU SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE CONCERN THAT THE
22 CONGRESS MEMBER HAS RAISED ABOUT THE SOURCE OF YOUR
23 RECOMMENDATION, THAT BEING SOME VERY QUESTIONABLE LOGIC OF
24 YOUR MEDICAL DIRECTOR AND DR. GARTHWAITE. I APPRECIATE, ZEV,
25 I'VE WORKED WITH YOU ON THE M.T.A., YVONNE, I'VE WORKED WITH



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1 YOU ON THE M.T.A., AND GLORIA I'VE WORKED WITH YOU AND EACH
2 ONE YOU. I RECOGNIZE THAT YOU, IN LARGE PART, USING-- HAVING
3 TO SUPERVISE ONE OF THE LARGEST REGIONS IN THE WORLD, YOU HAVE
4 TO RELY ON STAFF INPUT. IN THIS CASE, THE INPUT YOU'VE BEEN
5 GIVEN IS INCORRECT AND I WOULD URGE YOU TO PAUSE THIS DECISION
6 TODAY AND LOOK AT ANY MEANS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE TRAUMA
7 CENTER OPEN BECAUSE, IN CLOSING, THE HISTORY IS THERE. WHEN
8 YOU CLOSE THESE FACILITIES, THEY DON'T REOPEN. THANK YOU. [
9 CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. CONGRESS MEMBER...

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** DO YOU MIND RELINQUISHING YOUR SEAT TO
14 CONGRESSWOMAN MCDONALD?

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16 **CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MCDONALD:** AM I UP NEXT?

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE. WELCOME, CONGRESSWOMAN
19 MCDONALD.

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21 **CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MCDONALD:** OH, GOOD. AM I ON? GOOD
22 MORNING.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING

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1 **CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MCDONALD:** I'M CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA
2 MILLENDER MCDONALD AND I REPRESENT THE WILLOWBROOK HEALTH
3 COMPLEX KNOWN AS THE MARTIN LUTHER KING/CHARLES DREW COMPLEX.
4 I'M HERE THIS MORNING TO JOIN WITH MY COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS
5 WHO ARE HERE ON THIS DAIS, ALONG WITH THE MANY WHO ARE NOT
6 HERE TODAY. I JUST WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE MANY FOLKS WHO HAVE
7 BEEN WITH US. IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT THERE'S NOT AN OUTCRY OF
8 FOLKS WHO ARE BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THIS COMPLEX. I WANT YOU TO
9 KNOW THAT, FROM THE NORTHERN PART OF CALIFORNIA TO THE
10 SOUTHERN PART OF CALIFORNIA, WE HAVE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND
11 OTHERS WHO ARE JOINING US ON THIS REQUEST. I COME TO YOU TODAY
12 BECAUSE WE WANT YOU TO NOT DISHONOR THE REQUEST OF THE MCCONE
13 COMMISSION THAT STATED-- THEIR RECOMMENDATION THAT STATED THIS
14 AREA NEEDED HOSPITAL SERVICES. IT IS THE MOST VULNERABLE, THE
15 MOST DOWNTRODDEN FOLKS. THEY ARE THE MOST UNINSURED IN THIS
16 COUNTY AND TO CLOSE A TRAUMA CENTER WOULD BE A DISSERVICE TO
17 THE MCCONE COMMISSION THAT STATED WE NEEDED THIS TYPE OF
18 SERVICE. LET ME SAY THAT THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT ARE
19 PLAGUING THIS HOSPITAL. THERE'S NO WAY THAT WE CAN HAVE
20 QUALITY HEALTHCARE WHEN OVER 200 NURSING SLOTS HAVE NOT BEEN
21 FILLED. YOU CANNOT HAVE QUALITY HEALTHCARE ANY PLACE WHEN YOU
22 DO NOT HAVE A COMPLEMENT OF NURSES AT A HOSPITAL. YOU ALSO
23 HAVE 34 PAGES OF A REPORT THAT WAS TOTALLY UNRELATED TO HEALTH
24 THAT TALKED ABOUT AN EROSION OF ELECTRICAL OUTLETS, THAT
25 TALKED ABOUT THE MANY FACETS OF THIS HOSPITAL WHERE SAFETY IS



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1 A KEY ISSUE IN THIS HOSPITAL. I HAVE TALKED WITH, FROM THE TOP
2 LEVEL PERSON AT C.M.S.; MR. MCLELLAN IN WASHINGTON; I HAVE
3 TALKED WITH THE SECRETARY OF H.H.S., HUMAN SERVICES TOMMY
4 THOMPSON; I HAVE TALKED WITH MR. WALKER, WHO OVERSEES BOTH
5 J.C.A.H.O. AND C.M.S. IN WASHINGTON AND EVERYONE IS SUGGESTING
6 THAT THIS TRAUMA CENTER SHOULD REMAIN IN WILLOWBROOK, IN THE
7 WATTS AREA, BECAUSE THIS IS WHERE THE VULNERABLE PEOPLE ARE.
8 THIS IS WHERE OVER ONE THOUSAND GUNSHOT WOUNDED FOLKS COME TO
9 BE SERVICED. IT IS THE LARGEST CONTINGENT OF PEOPLE, VICTIMS,
10 WHO COME TO BE SERVICED AT A HOSPITAL. THE CLOSEST ONE IS
11 HARBOR-U.C.L.A. WITH ONLY 300, AND THOSE ARE STAB VICTIMS. SO
12 YOU CAN SEE THE URGENCY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS TRAUMA
13 CENTER STAYING HERE. WE HAVE HAD OVER FOUR C.E.O.S IN 10
14 YEARS, COMPARED TO OTHER COUNTY HOSPITALS THAT HAVE HAD ONLY
15 ONE. THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN HAVE SUSTAINABILITY OR ANY TYPE
16 OF CONTINUUM QUALITY SERVICE WHEN THERE IS AN IN AND OUT OF
17 C.E.O.S COMING TO THIS HOSPITAL. WE HAVE BYPASSED THE DIRECTOR
18 OF TRAUMA, WHO MAKES AN ASSESSMENT OF TRAUMA CENTERS. THIS IS
19 A TRADITION. THIS IS THE FUNCTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF A TRAUMA
20 CENTER AND YET THIS DIRECTOR HAS BEEN BYPASSED BY THE DIRECTOR
21 OF HEALTH SERVICES HERE IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY HE WAS NOT
22 GIVEN THE AUTONOMY TO TALK WITH THE NURSING ADMINISTRATION AND
23 TO DISCERN WHETHER OR NOT THIS TRAUMA CENTER IS AT A POINT OF
24 CLOSURE. FOUR OF THE TRAUMA DIRECTORS AROUND THIS REGION WAS
25 TRAINED AT KING DREW TRAUMA CENTER. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MCDONALD:** MILITARY UNITS HAVE COME TO
3 THIS TRAUMA CENTER BECAUSE IT IS THE NUMBER ONE IN COMBAT
4 SERVICES THAT SEE PEOPLE WHO HAVE A RESEMBLANCE OF COMBAT
5 SERVICE. I SAY TO YOU THAT WE'VE COME TODAY, NOT BECAUSE WE DO
6 NOT SEE THE PROBLEMS, WE CERTAINLY RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEMS AT
7 KING DREW. WE RECOGNIZE THE LACK OF PATIENT CARE. WE RECOGNIZE
8 THE LACK OF MANAGEMENT. WE ARE ALL HURT OVER THE FACT THAT
9 PATIENTS HAVE DIED THERE. IN MY LETTERS TO YOU OVER THE MANY
10 MONTHS, I HAVE ASKED YOU TO REVIEW THOSE THINGS THAT ARE WRONG
11 WITH KING. WE ARE NOT BLIND HERE. WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE
12 PROBLEMS, A LACK OF QUALITY PATIENT CARE, BUT ALL OF THOSE
13 THINGS DO NOT CASH INTO THE TRAUMA CENTER. THE TRAUMA CENTER
14 HAS BEEN THE NUMBER ONE QUALITY PROGRAM AT THIS COMPLEX. WHY
15 DO YOU WANT TO FIX SOMETHING THAT IS NOT BROKEN? [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MCDONALD:** I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE
18 C.M.S. HEAD HAS SAID TO ME, MR. MCLELLAN, THAT THERE WILL NOT
19 BE A MOVEMENT TO TAKE ANY FUNDS FROM THIS HOSPITAL WITHOUT HIS
20 FIRST CONSULTING US, SO THE MERE FACT THAT YOU'RE GETTING THIS
21 KNEE JERK REACTION BACK AND FORTH, BACK AND FORTH, ONE DAY WE
22 SAY THIS, THE NEXT DAY WE SAY THAT. IT'S AMAZING TO ME THAT,
23 IN MARCH, WHEN I HAD THE FIRST MEETING TO TALK ABOUT A
24 COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEMIC CHANGE IN THIS COMPLEX, WE HAD C.M.S.
25 REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS THERE AND THEY SAID THAT THESE THINGS



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1 CAN BE FIXED AND WE'RE GOING TO BE THERE TO HELP AND WE'RE
2 GOING TO PUT STAFF ON THE GROUND. WE ALSO HAD TOMMY THOMPSON
3 TALKING WITH ME ABOUT THE WHOLE NOTION THAT THIS TRAUMA CENTER
4 SHOULD REMAIN IN THE WATTS AREA. I HAVE TALKED WITH THE HEADS,
5 FORMER HEADS OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS AND THEY
6 HAVE, TOO, SAID THAT THIS HOSPITAL REMAINS THERE. AND I WOULD
7 LIKE TO ASK THAT, I-- I HAVE ASKED THEM THAT I ASKED THIS
8 SUPERVISOR GROUP, YOUR-- THE BOARD, TO HAVE A
9 MULTIDISCIPLINARY REVIEW OF THIS TRAUMA CENTER. THIS IS
10 SOMETHING THAT HAS NOT BEEN DONE. TO HAVE TWO OR THREE
11 SURGEONS TO COME IN TO DO A QUICK FIX IS NOT THE RIGHT THING
12 TO DO. WE MUST HAVE A CONTINGENT OF PERSONS COMING IN AND I
13 WILL TELL YOU WHO THEY ARE. WE SHOULD HAVE NEUROSURGEONS,
14 ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS, ANESTHESIOLOGISTS, EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
15 PHYSICIANS, TRAUMA COORDINATORS, MEDICAL RECORD COORDINATORS
16 AND HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS. THESE ARE THE ONES WHOM I HAVE
17 ASKED TO COME IN AND THEY ARE READY TO COME FORTH. NOW, I HAVE
18 ALSO ASKED THE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO COME IN AND LOOK AT AND
19 INVESTIGATE THIS HOSPITAL COMPLEX AND THE FISCAL MANAGEMENT,
20 NOT ONLY AT THE HOSPITAL BUT HERE IN THE COUNTY. [
21 INTERJECTIONS]

22

23 **CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MCDONALD:** BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT
24 I'M DOING THIS TO HELP US. IT IS NOT TO FIGHT AGAINST YOU, IT
25 IS TO HELP US, BECAUSE WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. THE ONE



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1 THING I COULD SAY ABOUT SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, AS I READ,
2 SHE SAYS IT'S ENOUGH FAULT TO PASS AROUND, AND YOU'RE
3 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. WE ALL HAVE BEEN AT FAULT WITH THIS. I
4 APPRECIATE THE CHAIRMAN, MY SUPERVISOR, ONE OF THE TWO, MR.
5 KNABE, WHO SAID, "I WILL KEEP AN OPEN MIND." I THANKED YOU FOR
6 THAT BECAUSE WE MUST HAVE OPEN MINDS HERE. WE CANNOT BE MYOPIC
7 IN SOMETHING THAT IS SO CRITICAL TO MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE
8 UNDERSERVED AND UNINSURED. I HAVE TALKED WITH MY OWN
9 SUPERVISOR, THE SECOND ONE, SECOND DISTRICT, MISS YVONNE
10 BRATHWAITE-BURKE. SHE, TOO, NOW RECOGNIZES THAT TO CLOSE
11 SOMETHING IS NOT THE ANSWER BUT TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME
12 TOGETHER IN A CONCERTED EFFORT, TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY, TO
13 SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COME TOGETHER IN UNANIMITY. WE HAVE
14 FOLKS FROM THE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS HERE TODAY AND
15 THEN ALL OF YOU FINE FOLKS AT THE COUNTY LEVEL. WE CANNOT
16 ALLOW SOMETHING THAT IS SO IMPORTANT TO THE WELLBEING OF NOT
17 JUST WATTS BUT LOS ANGELES, THE REGION. THERE ARE MANY OF US
18 WHO TRAVEL DOWN THE 110. WE MAY GET IN A CAR ACCIDENT. SOME
19 FOLKS FROM ORANGE COUNTY MAY BE PASSING THROUGH. IF THEY NEED
20 A TRAUMA CENTER, SECONDS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE OF LIFE. [
21 APPLAUSE]

22

23 **CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MCDONALD:** AND SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
24 THIS HOSPITAL AND THIS TRAUMA CENTER SERVES MORE THAN JUST THE
25 WATTS AREA. IT SERVES THE ENTIRE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA. AND



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1 SO I COME TO YOU TODAY URGING YOU TO TRY THE MARSHALL PLAN
2 THAT I'M PUTTING TOGETHER. IT'S A MARSHAL PLAN THAT MY
3 COLLEAGUES IN CONGRESS, CONGRESSWOMAN GRACE NAPOLITANO THIS
4 MORNING CALLED ME AND SAYS, "I CAN'T BE THERE BUT I'M WITH
5 YOU." CONGRESSWOMAN LINDA SANCHEZ HAS SAID THAT SHE IS WITH
6 US. CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE ROLLBALL ALLARD, CONGRESSMAN HOWARD
7 BURMAN, CONGRESSMAN PETE STARK TO THE NORTH, WHO IS OVERSEEING
8 WHAT J.C.A.H.O. IS DOING HERE, BECAUSE THE ULTIMATE THING IS
9 THAT J.C.A.H.O. AND C.M.S. IS BEING SEEN BY G.A.O. IN
10 WASHINGTON. THEY, TOO, ARE BEING MONITORED AS TO WHETHER
11 THEY'RE DOING THE PROPER THINGS HERE AND SO MR. WALKER, OVER
12 AT THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, IS MONITORING
13 WHAT IS GOING ON HERE. WE'RE NOT IN A VACUUM. THERE ARE MANY
14 PEOPLE WHO ARE OVERSEEING AND WATCHING WHAT WE'RE DOING. AND
15 FORMER AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEON EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS ARE
16 WITH ME ON MY MARSHAL PLAN AND I WILL ASK YOU TO JUST BEAR
17 WITH ME FOR A MOMENT AS I OUTLINE THIS MASTER MARSHAL PLAN, IF
18 YOU WILL, IF I CAN GET SOME OF THESE PAPERS OUT OF THE WAY.
19 BUT I WILL BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THIS NATIONAL-- THIS
20 JOURNAL OF NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION REPORT THAT I'VE SENT
21 TO ALL OF YOU. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE AROUND THIS COUNTRY WHO'S
22 LOOKING ON US NOW BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CLOSURES OF
23 REGENCY PROGRAMS AT SOME OF THE FINEST AFRICAN-AMERICAN
24 MEDICAL SCHOOLS: MAHARI, HOWARD, NOT SO MUCH AS HOWARD BUT
25 MAHARI AND OTHERS, GRADY AND ATLANTA. THEY ARE SAYING THAT, IF



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1 WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO CLOSE SCHOOLS THAT HAVE BEEN
2 HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, WE WILL NOT HAVE
3 THE SURGEONS AND DOCTORS TO TREAT PEOPLE AT KING DREW OR ANY
4 OTHER HOSPITAL. SO I ASK YOU TO REALLY STEP BACK AND BE VERY
5 CAUTIOUS OF MAKING SURE THAT, WHEN WE TRY AND RESTRUCTURE
6 THIS, AND I THINK WE WILL GET THERE, THAT WE DO NOT DO THE
7 VERY THING THAT OTHER HOSPITALS ARE FACED WITH AND THAT IS
8 TAKING THE VERY BASIC QUALITY CARE TRAINING AND QUALITY CARE
9 SERVICE FROM THE HOSPITAL. NOW, MY MARSHAL PLAN OUTLINES MANY
10 THINGS AND, MR. CHAIRMAN, MAY I PLEASE SUBMIT A STATEMENT FROM
11 CONGRESSWOMAN DIANE WATSON FOR YOUR RECORD?

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, ABSOLUTELY AND THEN YOU CAN SUBMIT THE
14 MARSHAL PLAN AS WELL, TOO, IF YOU'D LIKE.

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16 **CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MCDONALD:** I THANK YOU SO MUCH. I HAVE
17 ASKED THAT YOU PARTNER WITH ALL OF US SITTING AT THIS TABLE
18 AND OTHERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO BE HERE TODAY SO THAT WE CAN
19 RESTORE A STRONG MANAGEMENT FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND
20 RESTRUCTURING ORGANIZATION AND THE CULTURE THAT IS AT THAT
21 HOSPITAL, CURRENTLY AT THE HOSPITAL. MY PLAN IS TO ALSO CALL
22 FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS WITH ALL OF THE ENTITIES HERE SO THAT
23 WE CAN KEEP THOSE IN WASHINGTON APPRISED OF WHAT HAS TAKEN
24 PLACE HERE AS WE ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF RESTRUCTURING THIS
25 HOSPITAL. I ALSO ASK THAT I MEET WITH DOCTORS AND NURSES AT



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1 THE HOSPITAL ON A QUARTERLY BASIS SO THAT WE CAN DISCERN
2 WHETHER OR NOT THEY, TOO, ARE BEING SUFFICIENTLY TRAINED AND
3 THAT COMMUNICATION IS FLOWING BACK AND FORTH. IF YOU RECALL,
4 DR. O'LEARY, AT THE MEETING THAT I HAD A MONTH OR SO AGO,
5 STATED THAT THE PROBLEMS ARE A LACK OF STAFFING, A LACK OF
6 TRAINING, AND A LACK OF COMMUNICATION. THEY SAID NOTHING ABOUT
7 THE TRAUMA CENTER. MY LETTER TO YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE SAID
8 TO YOU THAT: ALLOW NAVIGANT TO ASSESS THE TRAUMA CENTER IF
9 IT'S NOT PART OF THE M.O.U. AND YET IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PART
10 OF THE M.O.U. IF WE'RE GOING TO DO A COMPREHENSIVE...

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S PART OF-- ARRIVED A LITTLE LATE BUT
13 THAT'S PART OF SUPERVISOR BURKE'S MOTION.

14

15 **CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MCDONALD:** OKAY, FINE, THEN THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BUT ALSO, JUST SO THAT YOU KNOW, FOR THE
18 RECORD, DR. O'LEARY ALSO TOLD ME THAT HE SUPPORTED-- I MEAN,
19 HE TOLD ME, I TALKED TO DR. O'LEARY, HE SUPPORTED DR.
20 GARTHWAITE'S RECOMMENDATION.

21

22 **CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MCDONALD:** WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT? MAYBE
23 HE'S TALKING OUT OF BOTH SIDES OF HIS MOUTH AND I NEED TO GO
24 BACK TO HIM.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** COULD BE. I JUST THOUGHT I'D THROW THAT
2 OUT.

3

4 **CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MCDONALD:** AND I WILL DO THAT.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** A COUPLE OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TALKING OUT OF BOTH
7 SIDES OF THEIR MOUTH.

8

9 **CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MCDONALD:** BUT NOT ONLY THAT, MR.-- DR.
10 O'LEARY, AS I TOLD HIM IN A MEETING WITH ME IN WASHINGTON, IF
11 YOU'RE GOING TO REALLY GO BY ALL OF YOUR STANDARDS THAT YOU
12 HAVE OUTLINED, THEN YOU MUST GET TO THE CORE OF THE PROBLEMS.
13 THE CORE OF THE PROBLEMS IS GOVERNANCE, A LACK OF MANAGEMENT
14 AND ALL OF THOSE OTHER THINGS AND WE DON'T NEED TO FAN THESE
15 OUT TODAY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, I MEAN, I UNDERSTAND. I MEAN, THAT WAS
18 ON OTHER ISSUES BUT HE ALSO...

19

20 **CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MCDONALD:** HE SAID ALSO IN A MEETING, MR.
21 CHAIRMAN, THAT THE TRAUMA CENTER IS NOT THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE
22 PROBLEM IN GETTING THIS HOSPITAL RESTORED TO THE QUALITY THAT
23 IT DESERVES. NOW, HE SAID THAT AND I HAVE DOCUMENTATION BY
24 TRANSCRIPT. ALSO, IN THIS MESS, THIS MARSHAL PLAN, WE WILL
25 MEET WITH C.E.O.S. I MET WITH C.E.O.S NOT ONLY IN MY IMMEDIATE



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1 AREAS-- AREA BUT ALL OVER AND THEY ARE URGING US TO KEEP THIS
2 TRAUMA CENTER HERE, EVEN SOME OF THOSE WHO YOU ARE SUGGESTING
3 SHOULD GO TO THEIR HOSPITALS. AND I'M NOT GOING TO NAME THEM
4 HERE BUT I WILL TELL-- DEFINITELY TELL YOU THAT THEY ARE
5 SUGGESTING THAT WE KEEP THIS TRAUMA CENTER HERE. I WILL MEET
6 WITH-- THE MARSHAL PLAN CALLS FOR FACILITY MANAGEMENT TO BE
7 INTERVIEWED SO THAT WE CAN LOOK AT THE ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS AND
8 THE OTHER PROBLEMS AT THAT HOSPITAL. THIS HOSPITAL IS IN
9 DESPERATE NEED OF REPAIR, PHYSICALLY, AS WELL AS HEALTHCARE-
10 WISE. AND I WILL ASK THE NURSES TO MEET WITH US ON A PERIODIC
11 BASIS. I'M SAYING TO YOU, IN CREATING THIS ADVISORY COUNCIL OF
12 FORMER AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS EX-DIRECTORS-- EXECUTIVE
13 DIRECTORS, THEY, TOO, ARE SUGGESTING THAT THIS TRAUMA CENTER
14 STAYS OPEN. NOW, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WILL AGAIN ASK DR. O'LEARY TO
15 WRITE A LETTER TO US BECAUSE, IF HE IS TALKING OUT OF BOTH
16 SIDES OF HIS MOUTH, THEN G.A.O. NEEDS TO KNOW THAT. THEY ARE
17 MONITORING EVERYTHING THAT WE DO AND WANT IT TO BE JUSTIFIABLE
18 AND FAIR. AND SO HE CAN'T BE SAYING ONE THING WHILE WE SAYING
19 ANOTHER.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND.

22

23 **CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MCDONALD:** BUT, AT THIS JUNCTURE, THE
24 MARSHAL PLAN WILL BE ONGOING, OVERSEEING THAT HOSPITAL AND THE
25 TRAUMA CENTER, AND WE WILL HAVE AN ADVISORY BOARD MADE UP OF



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1 PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE NATION WHO WILL BE WORKING WITH US ON AN
2 ONGOING BASIS, TALKING WITH DOCTORS AND NURSES, SOMETHING THAT
3 HAS BEEN POORLY NOT DONE, COMMUNICATION IS THE PITS THERE. WE
4 WILL BE TALKING WITH THEM TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE SATISFIED
5 WITH THE TRAINING AND THE PROGRAM AND THE MANAGEMENT. AND, IN
6 CLOSING, MR. CHAIRMAN, WHEN YOU HAVE PERSONS WHO HAVE COME TO
7 SAY THAT THEY ARE ADMINISTERING OR ADMINISTRATORS TO A
8 HOSPITAL AND THEY DO NOT HAVE THE WHEREWITHAL NOR THE
9 EXPERIENCE, YOU CANNOT LOOK FOR THEM TO BRING IN QUALITY TO
10 ANY HOSPITAL. AND SO YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE SOMEONE LIKE THE MR.
11 COHEN THAT YOU HAVE NOW BROUGHT IN, YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE
12 NAVIGANT, WHO I'VE SEEN AND RECOGNIZE AS A BONA FIDE
13 CONSULTANT GROUP. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT YOU NOW HAVE AND
14 WE WILL WORK WITH YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT WE RESTORE THE QUALITY
15 CARE AT THIS HOSPITAL. BUT WE ARE ALSO SAYING THAT THE TRAUMA
16 CENTER IS NOT PART OF THE PROBLEM; THEREFORE, IT MUST BE PART
17 OF THE SOLUTION IN BRINGING THE QUALITY CARE TO A HOSPITAL
18 THAT THE MCCONE COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED AS BEING ONE OF THE
19 MOST UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN THIS NATION. I ASK ALL OF YOU
20 TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND AND TO ENSURE THAT MY CONSTITUENTS, ALL
21 OF OUR CONSTITUENTS HAVE QUALITY HEALTHCARE, INCLUDING A
22 TRAUMA CENTER THAT IS SORELY NEEDED. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [
23 APPLAUSE]
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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COUNCIL MEMBER VILLARAIGOSA,
2 FOLLOWED BY SENATOR ED VINCENT, FOLLOWED BY SENATOR CEDILLO.

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4 **COUNCIL MEMBER VILLARAIGOSA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, I'M HERE
5 IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS' PROPOSAL AND PLAN
6 TO KEEP THE TRAUMA CENTER OPEN. I'VE HEARD THE TESTIMONY OF
7 THE OTHERS AND SO I WON'T GO VERY LONG BUT I DO NOT TO SAY A
8 COUPLE OF THINGS. ONE, LAST WEEK, WE HAD, I THINK, AN
9 IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN A CONVERSATION AND A NUMBER OF
10 THE SPEAKERS, INCLUDING MYSELF, SAID, "LOOK, THERE IS A MIDDLE
11 GROUND HERE. WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AND WORK TOGETHER
12 AND BEGIN TO TRY TO PROBLEM-SOLVE THIS SITUATION." I BELIEVE
13 THAT WE SHOULD KEEP THE TRAUMA CENTER OPEN. I SUPPORT THE
14 REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBER LUDLOW THAT SPEAK TO, AT A MINIMUM,
15 KEEPING IT OPEN AT A REDUCED LEVEL WITH THE APPROPRIATE
16 NURSING STAFF TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. SHOULD THAT NOT HAPPEN,
17 HOWEVER, I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE SUPERVISOR BURKE, BECAUSE I
18 RECOGNIZE THAT THIS WASN'T AN EASY ISSUE. CERTAINLY, THIS IS
19 ABOUT GETTING THE REQUISITE SUPPORT AND ALTHOUGH WE WEREN'T--
20 YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO GET THE SUPPORT TO KEEP THE TRAUMA CENTER
21 OPEN, I'M ENCOURAGED BY SOME OF THE CONVERSATION I'VE HEARD BY
22 A NUMBER OF YOU ABOUT PROTECTING AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF
23 CARE, ABOUT ENSURING THAT WE HAVE AND ARE DOING EVERYTHING
24 POSSIBLE TO NOT ONLY HAVE AS A GOAL, AN OBJECTIVE TO KEEP IT
25 OPEN BUT DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN THE INTERIM TO MAKE THAT



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1 HAPPEN. I WOULD SUGGEST, THOUGH, IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT,
2 THAT HIRING THE NURSES THAT MR. LUDLOW SPOKE ABOUT IS
3 CRITICAL. IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO HAPPEN WITHOUT IT. I HEARD
4 TESTIMONY ABOUT A NUMBER OF THE OTHER PROPOSALS, INCLUDING
5 PROPOSALS THAT WOULD ADDRESS, YOU KNOW, A BROADER STAKEHOLDER
6 GROUP OVERSEEING THIS EFFORT. I THINK THAT'S A GOOD THING BUT
7 I WANT TO SAY THAT, IN MANY WAYS, WE'RE HERE TODAY BECAUSE WE
8 STARTED LISTENING TO ONE ANOTHER AND AGREEING ON THE IDEA THAT
9 THIS HOSPITAL AND THIS TRAUMA CENTER HAS TO STAY OPEN. I THANK
10 YOU.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ANTONIO. [APPLAUSE]

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SENATOR VINCENT.

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16 **SENATOR ED VINCENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I KNOW EVERY ONE OF
17 YOU SUPERVISORS AND I DEEPLY RESPECT ALL OF YOU BECAUSE I KNOW
18 THE WORK YOU'VE DONE AND I KNOW THE SITUATION YOU'RE IN. I
19 COME HERE AND LISTEN TO SOME OF THE RHETORIC AND SOME OF THE
20 IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS, AND I'VE HEARD THE WORDS, OPEN, CLOSED,
21 AMENDMENT, NURSE'S SLOTS, C.E.O.S AND THEN THE J.C.A.H.O.
22 REPORT. BUT, YOU KNOW, WE NEED TO GET DOWN TO THE REAL NITTY-
23 GRITTY. WE'RE ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND WE ARE ELECTED BY THE
24 PUBLIC TO WORK FOR THE PEOPLE AND NOT ON THE PEOPLE. [
25 APPLAUSE]



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2 **SENATOR ED VINCENT:** AND WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, IT SEEMS TO ME IS
3 THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR THINKING AND WE TALK
4 ABOUT LIFE AND DEATH. WHEN IT COMES TO A SERIOUS TRAUMA
5 INJURY, IT IS A SIMPLE MATTER OF SECONDS ON THE CLOCK. IN MANY
6 TRAUMA CASES, THE ISSUE OF A PATIENT'S SURVIVAL IS NOT THE
7 ACCESS TO THE NECESSARY PROCEDURE AND/OR TREATMENT BUT HOW
8 QUICKLY THAT PATIENT GETS THE SERVICE AND THE TREATMENT THAT'S
9 REQUIRED. NOW, THE PROPOSED ACTION BEFORE YOU TODAY IS TALKING
10 ABOUT CLOSING THE TRAUMA CENTER AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING DREW
11 MEDICAL CENTER. IT WOULD DENY MANY LOS ANGELES COUNTY
12 RESIDENTS THOSE CRUCIAL SECONDS THAT THEY NEED TO SURVIVE. I
13 MENTION SECONDS. TO ME, YOUR VOTE TODAY IS LIFE-AND-DEATH
14 DECISION AND MANY PEOPLE WILL DIE, IN MY IMAGINATION, IN MY
15 THOUGHTS, IF THIS TRAUMA CENTER IS CLOSED. AND WHAT ABOUT AN
16 AMBULANCE GOING TO ANOTHER HOSPITAL INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC? FOR
17 INSTANCE, I CAN GIVE YOU A SITUATION LAST NIGHT IN THE CITY OF
18 INGLEWOOD WHERE I LIVE, THERE WAS A YOUNG MAN WHO BROKE HIS
19 NECK AND HIS MOTHER TOOK HIM TO A HOSPITAL. WE HAVE TWO IN
20 INGLEWOOD, DANIEL FREEMAN AND CENTINELA. AS YOU KNOW, THEY
21 CLOSED R.F.K. HE WENT IN AT 4:00 P.M. AND HE DIDN'T GET
22 TREATED UNTIL 4:00 A.M. THAT MORNING. THAT'S RIGHT. WELL, YOUR
23 VOTE TODAY IS VERY CRUCIAL AND I ASK, HOW MANY MUST DIE BEFORE
24 YOU CAN TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO NOT CONTINUE THE
25 RHETORIC, TO DO WHAT'S NECESSARY TO KEEP THE TRAUMA CENTER



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1 OPEN, WHATEVER IS NECESSARY. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE HEARD THAT
2 BEFORE, PEOPLE REFER TO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY. IN ADDITION, WE
3 GOT TO REMEMBER THE POST-11 ERA AND WOULD THE STATE TAKE ANY
4 ACTION TO FURTHER DISMANTLE PUBLIC SAFETY, PUBLIC HEALTH. IT
5 CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO SERVE EVERY
6 RESIDENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND GUARANTEED FUNCTIONAL
7 TRAUMA CARE NETWORK THAT CAN PROMPTLY RESPOND TO ANY DISASTER
8 THAT WE MAY HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT AND I
9 KNOW THAT YOU WANT TO DO THAT. I KNOW THAT I'M KIND OF IN
10 SUPERVISOR KNABE'S AREA AND HE DOES A GREAT JOB OUT THERE, HE
11 REALLY DOES, SOME TREMENDOUS HOSPITALS IN THE AREA AND WE
12 SALUTE YOU FOR IT. I KNOW YOUR ACTIVITIES OUT THERE IS VERY
13 IMPORTANT. I RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU TO REJECT ANY NOTION TO
14 CLOSE THIS MUCH-NEEDED PART OF OUR TRAUMA CARE NETWORK. IT'S
15 VERY IMPORTANT AND I HOPE YOU WOULD CONSIDER THE FACT THAT,
16 AGAIN, WE ARE HERE TO WORK FOR THE PEOPLE, NOT ON THEM. PLEASE
17 KEEP THIS TRAUMA CENTER OPEN, IF POSSIBLE.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SENATOR. [APPLAUSE]

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELCOME TO THE TABLE, SENATOR.



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2 **SENATOR ED VINCENT:** OKAY.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I RESPECT AND APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS
5 ISSUE BUT I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT-- AND AGAIN, THIS IS
6 A-- AGAIN, ONE OF THE TOUGH DECISIONS THAT NEED TO BE MADE. IF
7 YOU REMEMBER, TWO YEARS AGO, WE MADE SOME OTHER TOUGH
8 DECISIONS WHEN WE DIDN'T HAVE THE FINANCING AND THE ABILITY TO
9 MAINTAIN A LOT OF OUR HEALTHCARE CENTER OPEN AND A LOT OF OUR-
10 - RANCHO AS WELL AS CLOSING DOWN OVER A HUNDRED BEDS AT L.A.
11 COUNTY U.S.C. BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY. WE ARE ON OUR
12 WAY TO A HUGE DEFICIT. I MEAN, ON OUR WAY TO CLOSING THE
13 ENTIRE SYSTEM. WE'VE TRIED TO TAKE IT TO THE LEGISLATURE.
14 CAN'T SEEM TO GET A HEARING OR A MEETING OR A BIT OF TIME. I
15 GOT TO RUB IT IN A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE IT'S PAINFUL.

16

17 **SENATOR ED VINCENT:** WELL, NONE OF YOU...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR, WAIT, WAIT, WAIT.

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21 **SENATOR ED VINCENT:** OKAY. LET ME RUB IT OFF. LET ME RUB IT
22 OFF. [LAUGHTER]

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I ASK YOU, IN TURN...

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1 **SENATOR ED VINCENT:** YEAH, LET ME RUB IT OFF.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I ASK YOU IN TURN, CAN I ASK YOU, IN TURN,
4 SIR, AND I UNDERSTAND. WE ARE ALL TRYING TO SAVE THE HOSPITAL,
5 QUOTE, SAVE THE HOSPITAL. WE GOT TO SAVE THE HOSPITAL FIRST
6 BEFORE YOU CAN SAVE THE TRAUMA. THIS... [INTERJECTIONS]

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, WE ARE UNDER JEOPARDY OF LOSING THIS
9 HOSPITAL AND THIS HOSPITAL IS CRITICAL. BUT WE ARE ALSO UNDER
10 JEOPARDY, AT A FEDERAL LEVEL AND AT A STATE LEVEL, OF LOSING
11 OUR ENTIRE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND I THINK WE NEED AND WHATEVER
12 YOU CAN DO AND I KNOW THAT YOU ARE BUT ONE STRONG VOICE THERE
13 BUT CAN I ASK YOU TO, WELL, TO JOIN WITH US IN LIFTING YOUR
14 VOICE ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES? WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT, IF WE CAN
15 SAVE THIS HOSPITAL UNDER THIS AMENDMENT, THAT WE WILL BE ABLE
16 TO RESTORE, AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, THE VITAL AND NECESSARY
17 TRAUMA THAT THIS COMMUNITY NEEDS. THE ISSUE IS, WHAT OTHER--
18 THE OTHER IMPENDING JEOPARDY IS THAT, WHEN WE GET TO THAT DAY
19 WHEN RESTORATION NEEDS TO BE PUT IN PLACE, AND TODAY IS NOT AN
20 ISSUE OF RESOURCES, THE ISSUE IS OF EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT
21 OVERALL. THE CONGRESSMAN HAS RAISED IT, BOTH OF THE
22 CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS HAVE RAISED IT. BUT THE ISSUE IS, AT
23 THAT POINT IN TIME, WE ARE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT THOSE
24 RESOURCES. WE ARE IN DEFICIT EVERY SINGLE DAY IN TRYING TO
25 MAINTAIN THAT ESSENTIAL SAFETY NET, NOT JUST FOR ONE COMMUNITY



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1 BUT FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. CAN I ASK YOU, SIR, YOU'RE ON
2 YOUR WAY BACK TO THE LEGISLATURE. I'VE BEEN BEGGING THE
3 SPEAKER AS WELL. I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO THE PRO
4 TEM. WE NEED, WE NEED TO HAVE SOME DIALOGUE ABOUT HOW WE'RE
5 GOING TO SAVE THIS SAFETY NET, NOT JUST FOR ONE COMMUNITY, BUT
6 FOR THIS ENTIRE COMMUNITY. SO WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER,
7 THERE'S NO DOUBT. IF THIS MOVES FORWARD TO THIS EXTENT AND WE
8 ARE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD AND SHOULD WE SAVE OUR HOSPITAL,
9 WHICH WE ALL NEED TO HAVE SAVED, THEN WE ALL NEED TO TALK
10 ABOUT HOW WE RESTORE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO GET THIS
11 COMMUNITY UP TO THE APPROPRIATE SAFETY NET THAT IT DESERVES.
12 SO WE REALLY NEED YOU ENGAGED IN THIS DISCUSSION.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** MAY I JUST SAY ONE-- REAL FAST. I'M SURE YOU
15 REMEMBER THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BAILED US OUT AND THEN
16 THE LAST-- TWO YEARS AGO, THEY GAVE US ADDITIONAL MONEY, \$200
17 MILLION, TO TAKE US TO 2006. THE DEFICIT, AFTER 2006, IS THERE
18 BUT THE DIFFERENCE IS, IN WASHINGTON, THEY'RE SAYING THAT,
19 INSTEAD OF US BEING ABLE TO GO TO WASHINGTON AND CONTACT THE
20 PEOPLE THERE, TOMMY THOMPSON OR WHOEVER IT IS, AS WE DID
21 BEFORE, THEY'RE SAYING THAT THEY'RE ONLY GOING TO GIVE A
22 WAIVER THROUGH THE STATE. IT'S NO LONGER GOING TO BE LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY THAT CAN GET A WAIVER. THEY WILL GIVE A WAIVER
24 FOR THE STATE AND THE STATE HAS TO APPLY FOR IT TO WASHINGTON.
25 WE ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY EVEN CONTACTING THE PEOPLE IN THE



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1 STATE TO BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD SO THAT THAT GETS BEFORE THE
2 PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT OUR LEGISLATORS IN
3 SACRAMENTO STAY WITH US BECAUSE WE CAN'T JUST GO TO WASHINGTON
4 ANYMORE.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN'T EVEN GETTING A HEARING!

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** WE CAN'T-- ASK-- LIKE CLINTON HELPED US AND EVEN--
9 AND BUSH HELPED US OUT TO GET US TO 2006 AND EXTENDING IT,
10 BECAUSE WE USED OUR MONEY UP, EXTENDING IT TO THAT TIME, BUT
11 THEY AREN'T TALKING TO US ANYMORE. THEY'RE SAYING WE ARE ONLY
12 GOING TO DEAL WITH THE STATE.

13

14 **SENATOR ED VINCENT:** WELL, I-- LET ME SAY THIS. IT DOESN'T DO
15 ANY GOOD TO KEEP PASSING THE BALL AROUND. WE NEED TO SCORE A
16 POINT. AND WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO, AND I'VE DONE THIS ALREADY,
17 I'VE DONE THIS ALREADY THROUGH DEBORAH ORTIZ, WHO IS THE CHAIR
18 OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE, WHICH I HAPPEN TO BE A MEMBER OF.
19 I'VE ALREADY SET UP A SUBCOMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH THE MARTIN
20 LUTHER KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER SITUATION AND...

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE HERE, THOUGH. THAT'S NOT THE
23 ISSUE. IN THE LEGISLATURE, WE JUST NEED SOMEONE...

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** USE YOUR MICROPHONE.



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SUP. MOLINA: ...TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO
APPROACH THIS ISSUE OF THE UPCOMING DEFICIT. RIGHT NOW, IF WE
PASS THIS MOTION-- AGAIN, IT'S NOT ABOUT RESOURCES, IT'S ABOUT
MANAGEMENT. WHEN WE WANT TO GO BACK TO RESTORATION, I DON'T
WANT TO BE CONFRONTED ON THE DAY THAT I COMMIT TO THIS
COMMUNITY, IF ALL THINGS GO WELL, I WANT TO RESTORE TRAUMA, I
DON'T WANT TO BE THERE THAT DAY AND SAY, "BUT, GUESS WHAT, I
DON'T GOT THE MONEY FOR IT." I DON'T WANT TO BE THERE. AND YOU
CAN HELP US GET OUT OF THAT HOLE.

11

CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MCDONALD: MR. CHAIRMAN--

13

SENATOR ED VINCENT: I'D BE GLAD TO HELP ANY WAY I CAN. IF YOU
CAN GIVE ME SOME WRITTEN COMMUNICATION, I'D BE GLAD TO DO IT,
VERY HAPPY.

17

CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MCDONALD: MR. CHAIRMAN, MAY I RESPOND TO
THE SUPERVISOR? I'VE SPOKEN WITH THE FIRST LADY OF CALIFORNIA,
MARIA SHRIVER, BECAUSE I HAVE TALKED WITH HER ABOUT THIS VERY
BASIC PROBLEM, NOT ONLY HERE IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA
BUT THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND THAT'S QUALITY HEALTHCARE. WE ARE
GOING TO SET UP MEETINGS IN SACRAMENTO AND THIS WILL BE A GOOD
TIME FOR ALL OF YOU TO COME AND JOIN US IN THE EFFORTS OF
TRYING TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO, BECAUSE I DO RECOGNIZE THAT 2006



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1 BECOMES A CRITICAL YEAR FOR YOU AND THAT WE NEED TO WORK WITH
2 THE LEGISLATURE. I AM IN COMMUNICATION NOW WITH HER AND WITH
3 THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN THE STATE OF
4 CALIFORNIA.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRESSWOMAN, WE WOULD WELCOME IT-- ONE DAY,
7 THEY GOT TO HEAR US. I'VE BEEN UP THERE. I SAT ON MY CAN
8 THERE, WAITED SIX HOURS AND NOBODY WOULD LISTEN TO ME!

9

10 **CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MCDONALD:** WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT? PLEASE.
11 PLEASE. CAN YOU, CAN YOU AND I WRITE A LETTER, JUST KIND OF
12 VALIDATING WHAT YOU HAVE JUST SAID SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE?
13 BUT SHE HAS PROMISED ME THAT SHE WOULD CONVENE HEARINGS AND
14 LISTEN TO US. SO I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW AND PUT THAT ON
15 THE RECORD.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. SENATOR...

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19 **SENATOR JUANITA MCDONALD:** I HAVE SOMETHING TO SUBMIT FOR THE
20 RECORD.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME? SENATOR CEDILLO. EXCUSE ME.

23

24 **SENATOR JUANITA MCDONALD:** I HAVE DOCUMENTS THAT I'D LIKE TO
25 SUBMIT FOR THE RECORD. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND THEN I'M GOING TO ASK MAYOR PRO TEM
3 LETICIA VASQUEZ FROM THE CITY OF LYNWOOD TO JOIN US, PLEASE. [
4 APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SENATOR CEDILLO. [APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ALL. SENATOR CEDILLO?

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10 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. THANK
11 YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, MR. ANTONOVICH
12 IS IN THE BACK. AND, OF COURSE, THANK YOU, MY GOOD FRIEND,
13 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WHAT AN IMPORTANT DECISION YOU GUYS
14 HAVE TO MAKE TODAY. THIS WILL BE, IN PART, PART OF YOUR
15 POLITICAL HISTORY AND IT WILL SHAPE, IN MANY RESPECTS-- IT
16 WILL SHAPE PART OF THE KIND OF CULTURAL, SOCIAL, HISTORICAL
17 LANDSCAPE FOR OUR REGION FOR MANY YEARS. IT'S A TREMENDOUS
18 DECISION YOU HAVE TO MAKE AND I APPLAUD YOUR EFFORTS. BUT LET
19 ME NOTE, LAST WEEK, I CAME TO YOU AND ASKED YOU NOT TO MOVE
20 FORWARD WITH THE EFFORTS AROUND CALIFORNIA BECAUSE I-- EVEN
21 THOUGH I REPRESENT DOWNTOWN, EVEN THOUGH THEIR SERVICES ARE
22 NEEDED, I THOUGHT THAT IT SET A CONDITION FOR YOU TO MAKE A
23 DECISION THEN TO CLOSE TRAUMA AT KING DREW AND I ASKED YOU
24 THEN, AT THAT TIME, TO SAY THAT THAT WAS NOT YOUR INTENTION.
25 THE RESULT, NONETHELESS, IS THAT WE ARE GOING FORWARD WITH



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1 THAT DECISION. LET ME SAY TO YOU THEN THAT, IF YOU MAKE A
2 DECISION TO CLOSE TRAUMA, TO SAVE THE HOSPITAL, THAT IT'S VERY
3 CLEAR THAT, AS THE STRATEGY, THAT IS YOUR STRATEGIC CHOICE, IF
4 THAT IS YOUR DECISION, THEN WE WILL WORK WITH THAT BUT LET ME
5 ASK THIS OF YOU. IF YOU MAKE A DECISION TO SUSPEND, SET A
6 DATE. THE VERY CONCEPT OF A SUSPENSION IS THAT IT IS NOT
7 INDEFINITE AND THAT THIS COMMUNITY, THIS COUNTY NEEDS TO KNOW
8 THAT THE SUSPENSION WILL HAVE A TIME PERIOD THAT IS DEFINITE
9 AND CERTAIN AND THAT THIS COMMUNITY DESERVES TO KNOW WHAT IS
10 THE DATE BY WHICH WE ARE SETTING TO REOPEN THE TRAUMA CENTER.
11 AND SO I ASK YOU TO SIMPLY SET A DATE, THAT WE MUST HAVE
12 BENCHMARKS THAT ARE VERY CLEAR, THAT ARE ESTABLISHED, THERE
13 ARE LAID OUT AND THAT THEY MUST HAVE DATES TO BE ACCOMPLISHED.
14 THAT WE MUST, AS MY WIFE USED TO SAY, WE MUST HAVE A PLAN WITH
15 DATES. AND SO, IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A SUSPENSION TODAY AND
16 I RESPECT THAT AND WE WILL WORK WITH YOU AROUND THAT, I SIMPLY
17 ASK THAT YOU SET A DATE, AN END DATE AND THEN DATES THAT SET
18 BENCHMARKS SO THAT THERE WILL BE SOME TIME THAT WE ALL COME
19 TOGETHER TO APPLAUD YOUR PLAN AND YOUR STRATEGY TO SAVE KING.
20 WE MUST SET SOME GOALS THAT ARE IMPORTANT. ONE GOAL IS
21 OBVIOUSLY TO SAVE KING. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE ALSO SET THE
22 GOAL OF A FULL RESTORATION OF THE TRAUMA CENTER TO ITS HIGHEST
23 LEVEL THAT YOU MUST SET, AND I WOULD ASK YOU TODAY, TO SET A
24 DATE GIVEN THE COMMENTS, PARTICULARLY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTIN
25 LUDLOW, VERY THOUGHTFULLY NOTED THE REFERENCES IN THE



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1 J.C.A.H.O. REPORT WITH RESPECT TO THE NEED FOR NURSING AND HOW
2 CENTRAL THAT IS-- DOCTOR, HOW CENTRAL THAT IS TO THE
3 SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF BOTH TRAUMA AND THE HOSPITAL. AND SO I
4 ASK YOU TODAY AND NOT TO INTERMEDDLE INTO YOUR COLLECTIVE
5 BARGAINING PROCESS BUT THAT YOU SET A DATE. WE NEED DATES TO
6 KNOW WHEN THE M.O.U. WITH THE NURSES IS GOING TO BE RESOLVED.
7 [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** I'M FAMILIAR WITH THE COLLECTIVE
10 BARGAINING PROCESS BUT I WILL SAY TO YOU, THE SOONER WE SET
11 DATES AND THE SOONER WE REALIZE AND FULFILL THOSE COMMITMENTS.
12 I KNOW THAT THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROCESS IS HARD, YOU ARE
13 VERY COMPETENT AND CAPABLE, BUT WE MUST SET DATES BECAUSE THAT
14 IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN, IN A REAL WAY, DEMONSTRATE OUR
15 COMMITMENT TO MOVE THIS PROCESS FORWARD. SUPERVISORS, YOU ARE
16 CORRECT, L.A. COUNTY IS UNIQUE. IT WAS THE ONLY COUNTY IN THE
17 NATION THAT GOT ITS OWN WAIVER. IT WAS AN INCREDIBLE
18 EXPERIENCE IN 1995 AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT THAT CAME
19 SUBSEQUENT WAS VERY SIGNIFICANT. BUT IT APPEARS THAT WE ARE
20 TOLD WE ARE NO LONGER UNIQUE AND THAT WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH
21 THE STATE. LET ME SAY TO YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IF THE STATE
22 MUST APPLY FOR A WAIVER...

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF WHAT? THE STATE WHAT?

25



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1 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** IF THE STATE MUST BE THE APPLICANT
2 FOR THE WAIVER, AS IT IS FOR ALL THE OTHER 49 STATES...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT HAS BEEN FOR THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF AND IT'S
5 SITTING ON ITS CAN NOT DOING ANYTHING.

6

7 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** WELL, LET ME SAY TO YOU THAT I WILL
8 RETURN AND I WILL-- AND IF IT'S LEGISLATION THAT'S NEEDED, I
9 WILL INTRODUCE IT. IF IT'S AN EFFORT TO MOVE OUR DEPARTMENT,
10 THEN I WILL SEND THE LETTER ASKING FOR THAT MOVEMENT. WHATEVER
11 YOU NEED WITH RESPECT TO THE STATE, LET ME OFFER NOW THAT I
12 WILL WORK WITH YOU TO MOVE THE STATE, TO MAKE THAT APPLICATION
13 AS IT MUST DO.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY.

16

17 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** AND IF THERE IS A-- IF IT REQUIRES
18 LEGISLATION, I SAY TO YOU, I WILL INTRODUCE IT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I JUST-- SENATOR, JUST SO THAT YOU KNOW, I
21 KNOW YOU HAD OTHER COMMITMENTS, YOU GOT HERE A BIT LATE BUT
22 MANY OF THE IDEAS THAT YOU'RE DISCUSSING ARE CONTAINED IN
23 SUPERVISOR BURKE'S MOTION.

24



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1 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** I'M FAMILIAR WITH THAT BUT I HAVEN'T
2 NOTED THE DATES AND...

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** YESTERDAY. YESTERDAY. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT WHILE YOU'RE MENTIONING THAT, I DO WANT TO
7 ALSO COMMEND THE HARD WORK THAT'S BEEN PUT OUT BY LABOR, AND
8 PARTICULARLY BY MS. OCHOA IN MOVING US FORWARD AND I THINK WE
9 WANT TO COMMEND HER AND SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL THE
10 WORK.

11

12 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** I'M THE PERSON WHO HIRED HER, WHO
13 HIRED HER.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** SATURDAY, SUNDAY, NIGHT AND DAY. THESE THINGS
16 DON'T JUST HAPPEN, THEY DON'T COME ABOUT, THERE'S SOME PEOPLE
17 THAT HAVE TO PUT IN THE TIME AND SHE'S ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO
18 HAS PUT IT IN.

19

20 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** YEAH, I THINK THAT WAS A GREAT HIRING
21 DECISION. YEAH. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

22

23 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** JUST LET ME CLOSE BY, AGAIN, OFFERING
24 MY COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH YOU. THE STATE HAS A ROLE IN THIS
25 PARTICULARLY ON THE WAIVER. COUNT ON US, COUNT ON ME TO DO



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1 WHAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE STATE TO MAKE THAT APPLICATION AND
2 MOVE THAT FORWARD. SUPERVISOR, YOU HAVE WORKED INCREDIBLY TO
3 REPRESENT YOUR DISTRICT, DOING ALL THAT YOU CAN IN PROVIDING
4 THE BEST THAT THIS COMMUNITY SORELY NEEDS AND I APPLAUD YOU
5 AND I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR...

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SENATOR. THANKS FOR COMING DOWN.
8 MAYOR PRO TEM VASQUEZ. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **MAYOR PRO TEM LETICIA VASQUEZ:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON,
11 HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
12 LETICIA VASQUEZ AND I AM THE MAYOR PRO TEM IN THE CITY OF
13 LYNWOOD. I STAND HERE BEFORE YOU FOR THE SECOND TIME ON BEHALF
14 OF MY COLLEAGUES AND OVER 72,000 RESIDENTS THAT I REPRESENT ON
15 THE LYNWOOD CITY COUNCIL TO VOICE, ONCE AGAIN, OUR STRONG,
16 STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE CLOSURE OF KING DREW TRAUMA CENTER.
17 DUE TO THE RECENT DIVERSION OF PATIENTS AT KING DREW CENTER TO
18 SAINT FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER, WHICH IS LOCATED IN OUR CITY,
19 OUR HOSPITAL HAS EXPERIENCED A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN THE NUMBER
20 OF TRAUMA PATIENTS BEING SEEN, AN INCREASE THAT WILL SURELY
21 CONTINUE IF CLOSURE OF KING DREW TRAUMA CENTER OCCURS. IN THE
22 WORDS OF THE C.E.O. AT SAINT FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER, "OUR
23 HOSPITAL CANNOT SUSTAIN SUCH INCREASES IN TRAUMA PATIENTS. WE
24 ARE NOT EQUIPPED WITH THE RESOURCES TO DO SO." LYNWOOD'S SAINT
25 FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER IS JUST THREE MILES AWAY FROM MARTIN



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1 LUTHER KING'S TRAUMA CENTER, WHICH IS THE CLOSEST CENTER IN
2 THE VICINITY. AND THE REALITY, BOARD MEMBERS, OF THE SITUATION
3 IS THAT KING DREW CENTER, IF IT'S CLOSED, THE PATIENTS, IF
4 THEY'RE IN A LIFE-AND-DEATH SITUATION, WHICH MOST OF THEM ARE,
5 WILL NOT BE TRANSPORTED 11 MILES AWAY OR 10 MILES AWAY TO
6 CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL OR HARBOR-U.C.L.A., THEY'RE GOING TO BE
7 TRANSPORTED TO LYNWOOD SAINT FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER AND WHAT
8 WILL RESULT IS WE ARE GOING TO LOSE LIVES. WE'RE VERY
9 CONCERNED ABOUT THIS, ALSO ABOUT THIS ISSUE BECAUSE ST.
10 FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER HAS NOT BEEN IN-- A PART OF THE
11 NEGOTIATIONS THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE PROCESS. WE'VE BEEN TOLD
12 THAT ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER HAS AGREED TO TAKE UP THE
13 ADDITIONAL TRAUMA CASES. ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER HAS NOT
14 AGREED BECAUSE ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER CANNOT SUSTAIN THE
15 INCREASE IN TRAUMA PATIENTS. IN ORDER FOR US TO PICK UP WHERE
16 MARTIN LUTHER KING WOULD LEAVE OFF, WE WOULD HAVE TO BUILD A
17 NEW FACILITY AND WE DO NOT, AGAIN, HAVE THE RESOURCES TO DO
18 SO. SO I WOULD APPRECIATE FOR ST. FRANCIS TO BE A PART OF THE
19 DISCUSSIONS AND THE NEGOTIATIONS IF WE ARE TO PICK UP, DURING
20 THIS SUSPENSION PERIOD, ANY PATIENTS THAT WILL BE TRANSFERRED
21 TO OUR MEDICAL CENTER. BUT, AGAIN, I AM HERE BEFORE YOU
22 BECAUSE OUR CITY COUNCIL OPPOSES THE CLOSURE OF THE TRAUMA
23 CENTER BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT WE WILL DEFINITELY LOSE LIVES.
24 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] [GAVEL
2]

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'VE HAD, OBVIOUSLY, THE ELECTED
5 OFFICIALS THAT ARE HERE HAVE BEEN HERE TESTIFYING. WE HAVE A
6 SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF FOLKS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP HERE. I'LL ASK
7 CONCURRENCE FROM MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS ITEM BUT WHAT MY INTENT
8 IS IS TO HAVE ONE HOUR'S WORTH OF TESTIMONY, OKAY, NOW LISTEN
9 SO THAT EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THE GROUND RULES, ONE HOUR'S
10 WORTH OF TESTIMONY, A MINUTE PER PERSON. IF YOU TAKE LESS, SO
11 WE'LL HAVE UP TO 60 PEOPLE. [INTERJECTIONS]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, YOU-- EXCUSE ME. WE'LL HAVE ONE
14 HOUR'S WORTH OF TESTIMONY, IF I GOT CONCURRENCE FROM MY
15 COLLEAGUES. OKAY? AND... [INTERJECTIONS]

16

17 **MALE VOICE:** WHERE ARE THEY?

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19 **FEMALE VOICE:** YEAH, WHERE ARE THEY?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ONE MINUTE-- NO, ONE HOUR'S WORTH OF
22 TESTIMONY. OKAY? ONE MINUTE PER PERSON. IF YOU TAKE LESS, THEN
23 WE'LL START OVER AGAIN. SO GET UP TO 60 SPEAKERS THAT WAY. IF
24 NOT, IF WE DO LESS, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE MANY OF YOU ARE OPPOSED,
25 MANY OF YOU HAVE TESTIFIED AT THE BEILENSEN A WEEK AGO TODAY,



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1 SO I THINK WE'RE WELL AWARE OF YOUR FEELINGS. SO I'M GOING TO
2 CALL FOUR PEOPLE AT A TIME, OKAY? IF I COULD HAVE YOUR
3 ATTENTION. I WILL... [INTERJECTIONS]

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. OKAY. IF I COULD HAVE MY
6 COLLEAGUES JOIN ME BACK AT THE DAIS, PLEASE. [INTERJECTIONS]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'M GOING TO WAIT FOR A SECOND HERE.
9 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, SIR.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. OKAY. WE'RE
14 GOING TO BEGIN THE TESTIMONY. SUPERVISOR BURKE. OKAY.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF-MIKE) .

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** ABSOLUTELY.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. LET ME BEGIN. JAMES LOTT,
23 KATHY OCHOA, MRS. MOBLEY, AND DR. WOODY MYERS, THE FIRST FOUR
24 SPEAKERS, ONE MINUTE. OKAY. IF WE COULD HAVE YOUR ATTENTION IN



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1 THE AUDIENCE, PLEASE, SO THAT WE CAN MOVE THROUGH THIS. OKAY.

2 MR. LOTT.

3

4 **JAMES LOTT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JIM LOTT AND I
5 REPRESENT THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I'M
6 NOT A POLITICIAN BUT I REPRESENT A LARGE COMMUNITY OF
7 HOSPITALS AND DOCTORS AND HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SPECIALISTS WHO
8 UNDERSTAND THIS PROBLEM, AND OUR BOTTOM LINE IS THIS. HERE'S
9 HOW WE SEE IT. DR. GARTHWAITE'S RESCUE PLAN IS SOUND. IT CAN
10 BE IMPLEMENTED AND IT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED. [INTERJECTIONS]
11 [GAVEL]

12

13 **JAMES LOTT:** LAST COMMENT I'LL MAKE IS THIS: IF YOU WANT
14 NAVIGANT TO FAIL, IF YOU WANT NAVIGANT TO FAIL, THEN YOU START
15 SENDING POLITICIANS INTO THAT HOSPITAL WATCHING WHAT'S GOING
16 ON, IT'LL FAIL LICKETY SPLIT. YOU ALL NEED TO STAY OUT OF
17 THERE... [INTERJECTIONS] [GAVEL]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE!

20

21 **JAMES LOTT:** YOU NEED TO STAY OUT OF THE HOSPITAL, ALL
22 POLITICIANS NEED TO STAY OUT OF THERE AND LET THAT GROUP DO
23 THEIR JOB! THANK YOU. [INTERJECTIONS]

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LISTEN. LISTEN. THERE'S GOING TO
2 BE TESTIMONY ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS ISSUE. BE RESPECTFUL. OKAY.
3 JUST BECAUSE YOU DISAGREE WITH THE OPINION DOES NOT-- OKAY?
4 PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL. [INTERJECTIONS CONTINUE]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. KATHY?

7

8 **KATHY OCHOA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KATHY
9 LEDESMO OCHOA AND I AM A SENIOR HEALTH POLICY ANALYST FOR
10 SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL 660. THIS IS NOT A
11 QUESTION OF JOBS FOR LOCAL 660. OUR MEMBERS CARE ABOUT THE
12 QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY LIVE AND THE
13 QUALITY OF SERVICE AT THE HOSPITALS THAT THEY WORK IN. SOME
14 HAVE TRIED TO CHARACTERIZE THAT CLOSURE OF TRAUMA SERVICES AT
15 KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER IS NECESSARY TO SAVE THE HOSPITAL. WE
16 RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE. IN FACT, WE BELIEVE THAT PRESERVATION
17 OF TRAUMA SERVICES IS ESSENTIAL TO THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF
18 THE KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. SUPERVISORS, WE WOULD ARGUE FOR
19 A DATE CERTAIN BY WHICH LEVEL ONE TRAUMA SERVICES ARE RESTORED
20 AT THE KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, KATHY. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YES, SIR. GO AHEAD.

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1 **DR. WOODROW MYERS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I AM DR. WOODROW MEYERS,
2 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF MEDICAL CENTER OF WELLPOINT
3 AND HERE TODAY AS THE VICE CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF
4 THE FUTURE OF KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. I'M A PHYSICIAN, BOARD
5 CERTIFIED IN INTERNAL MEDICINE AND THE FORMER HEALTH
6 COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF INDIANA AND THE CITY OF NEW YORK.
7 THE STEERING COMMITTEE IS AN INDEPENDENT, NONPARTISAN
8 ORGANIZATION CREATED BY THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT TO FOCUS ON
9 THE FUTURE OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL AND THE HOSPITAL. OUR MEMBERS
10 INCLUDE 11 INDIVIDUALS OF VARIOUS BACKGROUNDS WITH SIGNIFICANT
11 EXPERTISE IN ALL OF THE RELEVANT AREAS OF POLICY AND HEALTH
12 AFFAIRS. ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE CARE DEEPLY
13 ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE MEDICAL CENTER AND ITS CRITICAL ROLE
14 TO THE COMMUNITY. WE SEE A STRONG NEED FOR HIGH QUALITY AND
15 EFFECTIVE HEALTHCARE SERVICES IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES AND THIS
16 REQUIRES THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF AN INSTITUTION IN WHICH
17 THE COMMUNITY AND THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT HAVE TRUST AND
18 CONFIDENCE. WE FACE A NUMBER OF CHALLENGES AT THE UNIVERSITY
19 AND THE HOSPITAL BUT, BASED UPON OUR INVESTIGATIONS, THESE
20 CHALLENGES ARE NOT INSURMOUNTABLE. OUR STEERING COMMITTEE HAS
21 NOT TAKEN A FORMAL POSITION ON THE STATUS OF THE KING DREW
22 MEDICAL CENTER TRAUMA UNIT. WE HAVE NOT REVIEWED THE RELEVANT
23 DATA SPECIFIC TO THE TRAUMA UNIT...
24
25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WRAP IT UP, PLEASE, DR. WOOD.



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2 **DR. WOODROW MYERS:** ...BUT WE URGE THE BOARD TO DELAY A FINAL
3 VOTE ON THE IM-- BECAUSE THE FULL IMPACT OF THIS DECISION
4 NEEDS TO BE EXAMINED MORE THOROUGHLY. IF OUR COMMITTEE CAN BE
5 OF SERVICE TO THE BOARD, WE'D BE HAPPY TO DO SO.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MR. POPULOUS?

8

9 **MR. POPULOUS:** YES.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE SPEAKING FOR MRS. MOBLEY, IS THAT
12 CORRECT?

13

14 **MR. POPULOUS:** NO, I'M NOT SPEAKING FOR MRS. MOBLEY. I'M TAKING
15 MRS. MOBLEY'S TIME. I THINK CAN'T NOBODY SPEAK FOR MRS. MOBLEY
16 BUT MRS. MOBLEY. MY NAME...

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, I CALLED HER, THOUGH.

19

20 **MR. POPULOUS:** I'M TAKING HER TIME BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T WANT TO
21 COME UP BUT I'M NOT SPEAKING FOR HER.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

24



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1 **MR. POPULOUS:** BUT THANK YOU, THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR
2 LETTING ME SPEAK. AGAIN, I'M HERE TO NOT SAY A WHOLE LOT BUT
3 I'D RATHER DO A WHOLE LOT THAN TO SAY A WHOLE LOT. AND THANK
4 YOU, MS. BURKE, FOR SUPPORTING US IN THIS ISSUE BECAUSE YOU
5 KNOW THAT WE DO NEED THE TRAUMA CENTER, AS I SAY. WHEN I COME
6 UP HERE, I SPEAK ON BEHALF BASICALLY OF THE UNDERINSURED AND
7 THE NO INSUREDS PEOPLE BECAUSE ONCE YOU LOOK AT THE 10 FREEWAY
8 NOW GOING TOWARD THE HOSPITAL OR COMING IN FROM THE 710,
9 EITHER ONE OF US MIGHT BE ON THERE AND HAVE TO USE THAT TRAUMA
10 CENTER. BUT I ALSO WROTE A LETTER, I SENT MY PROPOSAL TO THE
11 SUPERVISORS PROPOSING THAT YOU GUYS SUPPORT THE GROUND SUPPORT
12 SYSTEM SO THAT EVERYBODY WILL BE IN HARMONY WITH THE
13 INFORMATION AND I'M NOT JUST SAYING AS FRED LEAF'S OFFICE
14 ADDRESSED ME LIKE THANK YOU, I'M TALKING ABOUT REAL FUNDING
15 BECAUSE WE NEED FUNDING OUT HERE ON THE GROUND SUPPORT SYSTEM
16 BECAUSE WE ARE FIRST CONTACT, BASICALLY, WITH INFORMATION, UP-
17 TO-THE MINUTE INFORMATION AND I THANK YOU YOU GUYS FOR LETTING
18 ME SPEAK AND, AS JESSE JACKSON SAID LAST WEEK, WHEN YOU GUYS
19 WAS HAVING THE HEARING, IF WE WANT THE TRAUMA CENTER OPEN AND
20 YOU PEOPLE WANT IT OPEN, SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? I THINK WE ARE
21 HEARING OTHER A LITTLE DIFFERENT TODAY, SO I APPRECIATE THAT.
22 THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND WE'LL JUST SEE WHERE IT GOES. PEACE.
23
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LOIS HILL HALE, MORRIS GRIFFIN,
25 LEONARD SHAPIRO AND TIMOTHY WATKINS. FOLLOWING THESE FOUR, IF



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1 THEY'D JUST BE READY, WOULD BE CELES KING, JANINE WATKINS, DR.
2 GERALDINE WASHINGTON AND CHARLES BRISTER WILL BE THE FOUR
3 AFTER THIS FOUR HERE.

4

5 **LOIS HILL HALE:** TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD, OTHER MEMBERS
6 OF THE BOARD, SUPERVISOR YVONNE BRATHWAITE-BURKE, I BRING YOU
7 GREETINGS FROM CONGRESSWOMAN DIANE WATSON, WHO REGRETS SHE
8 COULD NOT BE HERE WITH YOU AND THE COMMUNITY TO EXPRESS HER
9 DISMAY OVER THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE KING DREW TRAUMA
10 CENTER. CONGRESSWOMAN WATSON ASKED ME TO BRING A POSITION
11 STATEMENT AND TO PRESENT IT TO YOU IN WRITING SO THAT IT MAY
12 BE SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD. I THANK CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA
13 MILLENDER MCDONALD FOR INITIAL-- FOR THE INITIAL SUBMISSION
14 BUT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS
15 RECEIVE A COPY OF THE CONGRESSWOMAN'S STATEMENT AND THAT YOU
16 KNOW THE TOPIC OF WHICH SHE HAS WRITTEN. AND IT GOES AS SUCH,
17 VERY SHORTLY...

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YOUR TIME'S UP.

20

21 **LOIS HILL HALE:** WHO IS REALLY AT FAULT FOR THE DEMISE OF THE
22 KING DREW MEDICAL COMPLEX?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WRAP IT UP. YOUR
25 TIME'S UP.



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2 **LOIS HILL HALE:** SPECIFICALLY, THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE
3 TRAUMA CENTER WHICH CONGRESSWOMAN WATSON ADAMANTLY IS AGAINST.
4 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY.

7

8 **LOIS HILL HALE:** THE COPIES GO TO WHOM?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, WE ALREADY HAD THAT SUBMITTED. THANK
11 YOU.

12

13 **LOIS HILL HALE:** NO. THESE ARE FOR EACH PERSON, TO SUPERVISOR
14 BURKE FIRST.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THEY MADE US COPIES. THANK YOU.

17

18 **MORRIS GRIFFIN:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I COME BEFORE YOU, I'M
19 MORRIS GRIFFIN, BETTER KNOWN AS BIG MONEY GRIFF. IN SHORT, I
20 FEEL THAT WE CAN FIX THE PROBLEM. FIRST, I WANT TO THANK
21 CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS FOR BEING SO DILIGENT AND BEING IN
22 THE FOREFRONT OF LEADING US ON THIS TASK. BUT, MORE
23 IMPORTANTLY, WE FEEL IT IS WRONG THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING HAS
24 BEEN ROBBED IN TERMS OF ITS NURSES, BUT MORE SO OF ITS BEDS.
25 WE'VE GONE FROM 500 BEDS TO 150 BEDS. THIS IS BY DESIGN BY



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1 GARTHWAITE AND CAROL AND WE JUST FEEL THAT IT IS AN INSULT TO
2 OUR INTELLIGENCE TO SIT HERE, AFTER THREE YEARS, KNOWING THAT
3 YOU DIDN'T DO YOUR DUE DILIGENCE IN MAKING SURE THAT THIS
4 PROBLEM COULD HAVE BEEN FIXED. THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT COULD
5 HAVE AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN FIXED. AND SO WITH MY LIST 10
6 MINUTES-- MY LAST 10 SECONDS, EIGHT SECONDS, ALL I'M SAYING IS
7 THAT THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO THROW THE BABY OUT WITH THE
8 BATHWATER AND TO ALLOW THIS PROCESS TO TAKE PLACE. THANK YOU
9 FOR YOUR TIME. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. LEONARD. THEN MR. WATKINS. WELCOME
12 BACK, LEONARD.

13

14 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, YOU
15 CALLED ME?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, I DID, SIR. I SAID WELCOME BACK.

18

19 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** WELCOME. I HOPE, BY THAT-- THAT WELCOME IS
20 WELL MEANT. I ENJOY HAVING THE PUBLIC GETTING THE SAME ONE
21 HOUR THAT YOU GAVE EIGHT POLITICIANS AN HOUR AND 10 MINUTES
22 BUT THAT'S WHAT WE STAND. ANYWAY, I WANT THIS BOARD TO
23 UNDERSTAND, THIS PROBLEM THAT YOU HAVE THERE WITH KING DREW
24 CENTER, IS THE PROBLEM OF THIS BOARD, ALL FIVE OF YOU! WHEN IS
25 THE LAST TIME ANYBODY WENT DOWN TO THAT CENTER BESIDES YVONNE



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1 BRATHWAITE-BURKE?! NOBODY GOES DOWN THERE. NOBODY LOOKS TO SEE
2 WHAT'S HAPPENING AND NATURALLY, WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY, THE MICE
3 WILL PLAY. UNTIL YOU MAKE UP YOUR MIND THAT YOU'RE GOING TO GO
4 DOWN THERE AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE
5 ONE TROUBLE AFTER THE OTHER. AND I WANT TO GIVE YOU ONE
6 PROPOSITION. YOU HEARD SEVERAL COUNCIL PEOPLE TALKING HERE
7 ABOUT WHAT THEY WOULD DO. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE CITY OF
8 L.A. ONCE RAN HOSPITALS IN THIS AREA! AND IF YOU PEOPLE CAN'T
9 RUN IT, I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL IS OPEN
10 TO RUNNING THE SAME HOSPITAL AGAIN!!! IF YOU CAN'T KEEP THE
11 TRAUMA CENTER OPEN, OTHER PEOPLE CAN!!! YOU HAVE TO SPEAK...

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU, LEONARD. [CHEERS AND
14 APPLAUSE]

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16 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** ...TO PEOPLE ALL OVER BUT REMEMBER, YOU'RE
17 NOT THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO CAN RUN A HOSPITAL!

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. WATKINS. MR. WATKINS. MR. WATKINS, I
20 WOULD ASK CELES KING, JANINE WATKINS, DR. WASHINGTON,
21 GERALDINE WASHINGTON AND CHARLES BRISTER TO COME FORWARD,
22 PLEASE. MR. WATKINS.

23



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1 **MR. WATKINS:** I JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EFFORTS OF THE
2 COMMUNITY TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THEIR DEEP CONCERN AND
3 COMMITMENT... [GAVEL]

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE, SO MR. WATKINS CAN TESTIFY. THANK
6 YOU.

7

8 **MR. WATKINS:** HERE WE ARE IN A GRAND HALL BUILT WITH TAXPAYERS'
9 DOLLARS, LISTENING TO TAXPAYERS' REPRESENTATIVES SPEAK TO
10 ADVICE GIVEN TO THEM BY APPOINTED OFFICIALS THAT TAXPAYERS
11 ALSO PAY. AND I JUST WANT TO SUGGEST THAT WE'RE BEING BLED ON
12 BOTH ENDS HERE. THE PEOPLE ARE TAKING TIME OFF FROM WORK TO
13 COME AND DEFEND THEMSELVES, DEFEND THEIR COMMUNITY WHILE, AT
14 THE SAME TIME, THE PEOPLE THAT THEY'RE PAYING ARE TAKING
15 ADVICE FROM OTHERS THAN THOSE THAT REPRESENT THE BEST
16 INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY. AND I WANT TO REMIND YOU-- I'D
17 LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT WE'RE ALSO FACED WITH THE CONCEPT OF
18 BRINGING LAWSUITS AND LITIGATION AND SO ON AND, AT THE SAME
19 TIME, HAVING TO PAY COUNTY LAWYERS TO DEFEND THE COUNTY
20 AGAINST THOSE LAWSUITS. THIS IS BLEEDING THE COMMUNITY ON BOTH
21 ENDS. WE DESERVE TO BE REPRESENTED IN A WAY THAT EXPRESSES THE
22 COLLECTIVE WILL OF THE COMMUNITY.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CELES KING, JEANNIE WATERS, DR. WASHINGTON,
2 CHARLES BRISTER. THE NEXT FOUR WOULD BE PLEASANT, WINETKA
3 PLEASANT, LEANNETTE HILL, ARVELLA GRISBY AND DR. PERRY CROUCH.
4 YES. GO AHEAD, CELES.

5

6 **CELES KING, IV:** THANK YOU. BOY. HERE I AM AGAIN. I WANT TO SAY
7 THAT I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT THAT IS BEING
8 PRESENTED AND THAT I DO THINK THAT THERE SHOULD DEFINITELY BE
9 A DELAY. HOWEVER, I STILL DO WANT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE
10 NURSES, BECAUSE THE NURSES IS THE CRITICAL ISSUE IN TERMS OF
11 STAFFING AND, WITHOUT STAFFING, THERE WILL NEVER BE ANY REAL
12 RESOLUTION TO ANY PROBLEM. THE CURRENT NURSING PACKAGE THAT'S
13 BEING OFFERED, WHICH IS ABOUT A 9 TO 15% RAISE, YOU KNOW,
14 ALONG WITH THE SO-CALLED 10% BONUS FOR DREW, IS ONE THAT IS
15 REALLY KIND OF DECEPTIVE IN WHAT IT REALLY LOOKS BECAUSE IT
16 ISN'T REALLY ANYTHING THAT'S GOING TO BE COMPETITIVE IN TERMS
17 OF A TOTAL WAGE PACKAGE, THAT THERE'S A-- THAT THE 10%
18 SITUATION WHICH WE, YOU KNOW, EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT SO READILY
19 AS BEING SUCH A GREAT DEAL REALLY ISN'T BECAUSE IT HAS STRINGS
20 ATTACHED TO IT AND THOSE STRINGS ARE ONE, TO GIVE UP THEIR
21 ABILITY TO REDRESS GRIEVANCES IF THERE IS AN ACCUSATION MADE
22 AGAINST THEM, AND THAT WOULD SUSPEND IT, SUSPEND IT AND KILL
23 IT. AND THE OTHER ONE IS, IS THERE'S NO TRAINING. NO TRAINING.
24 IF YOU WANT TO GO OVER TO DREW AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE 10%.
25 IF YOU-- EVEN IF IT'S A REFRESHER COURSE. TO HAVE THAT KIND OF



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1 STIPULATION IN REGARD TO-- AND TO SECURE NURSES OVER THERE IS
2 A REAL BLOCK, IT'S A HINDRANCE, IT'S COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. THANK
3 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **JANINE WATKINS:** YES. I'M HERE TODAY AS A MOTHER...

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, JEANNIE, COULD YOU JUST IDENTIFY
10 YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD.

11

12 **JANINE WATKINS:** JANINE WATKINS. I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE. WE
13 SPEND A LOT OF TIME AND MONEY COMING TO SEE YOU. I'M HERE AS A
14 MOTHER, I'M HERE AS A DESCENDANT FROM WATTS COMMUNITY SINCE
15 1921 AND I'M HERE TO SAY THAT YOU'RE PUTTING OUR CHILDREN IN
16 OUR COMMUNITIES, FROM INGLEWOOD TO LYNWOOD, AT RISK. ANYONE
17 WHO DRIVES DOWN THAT 105 IS AT RISK. I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO
18 MAKE YOUR DECISION TODAY. THAT DECISION HAS BEEN MADE. BUT I'D
19 LIKE TO SAY, ON BEHALF OF THE DOCTORS OF KING DREW, WHO HAVE
20 HAD TO WORK, BECAUSE OF YOUR MISMANAGEMENT, BECAUSE OF YOUR
21 UNDERSTAFFING, THEY'VE HAD TO DO 20 JOBS TO MOST PEOPLE'S ONE.
22 I'D LIKE TO SAY TO MR. GARTHWAITE, SHAME ON YOU FOR
23 DISRESPECTING OUR PHYSICIANS. THEY ARE SOME OF THE FINEST IN
24 THE COUNTRY. IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE STAFF TO DO YOUR JOB AND
25 SOMEONE ACCUSED YOU...



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE, PLEASE DIRECT YOUR TESTIMONY TO US.
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **JANINE WATKINS:** ...ACCUSED YOU OF BEING ILL-PREPARED, YOU
6 WOULD FEEL VERY SLIGHTED AND YOU SLIGHTED OUR COMMUNITY, YOU
7 SLIGHTED OUR DOCTORS. ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, THE OTHER DAY ON T.V.,
8 WAS EXCITED ABOUT THE OPENING OF CALIFORNIA TRAUMA CENTER. THE
9 REALITY IS, IS THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOING YOUR HOMEWORK
10 TO KEEP THE HOSPITAL THAT YOU AND D.H.S. HAS MISMANAGED OPEN
11 FOR ALL OF LOS ANGELES. YOU HAVEN'T DONE THAT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

14

15 **JANINE WATKINS:** THE COMMUNITY IS NOT GOING TO GO AWAY. WE'RE
16 GOING TO CONTINUE TO PROTEST THIS. CONGRATULATIONS ON THE
17 CONSPIRACY.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. WASHINGTON. DR. WASHINGTON.
20 [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

21

22 **DR. GERALDINE WASHINGTON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS
23 GERALDINE R. WASHINGTON. I'M PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES
24 N.A.A.C.P. AND WE KNOW THAT YOU'VE HEARD VOLUMES AND VOLUMES
25 OF TESTIMONY. AND I SIMPLY WANTED TO SAY TODAY THAT, WHEN YOU



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1 VOTE, REMEMBER AND CONSIDER THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE
2 IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE THOUSANDS WHO DRIVE PAST AND IN AND
3 ABOUT THE COMMUNITY. AND REMEMBER THAT IT SOMETIMES TAKES--
4 YOU REMEMBER THAT IT SOMETIMES TAKES JUST ONE MINUTE TO MAKE A
5 DIFFERENCE IN WHETHER A PATIENT LIVES OR DIES. SO I ASK THAT
6 YOU MAKE YOUR DECISIONS RESPONSIBLY. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND THEN CHARLES BRISTER, AND THEN
9 I'D ASK WINETKA, LYNNETTE ARVELLA AND DR. CROUCH TO JOIN US.
10 YES, CHARLES.

11

12 **CHARLES BRISTER:** YES. I'M GOING TO ADDRESS GARTHWAITE FIRST,
13 THEN I'D LIKE FOR ZEV TO COME BACK BECAUSE I'VE GOT A QUESTION
14 FOR HIM. MR. GARTHWAITE, DID J.C.A.H.O. SAY WE NEEDED TO CLOSE
15 DOWN THE TRAUMA CENTER?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE.

18

19 **CHARLES BRISTER:** SO J.C.A.H.O. NEVER SAID THAT WE NEEDED TO
20 CLOSE DOWN THE TRAUMA CENTER?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, THAT'S NOT THEIR JOB AT THIS POINT BUT
23 THEY COULD TELL US TO SHUT IT DOWN. GO AHEAD.

24



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1 **CHARLES BRISTER:** I SEE. OKAY. AT THE BEILENSON, I ASKED ZEV
2 YAROSLAVSKY ABOUT A COMMENT THAT HE MADE. IT WAS TAPED ON ABC
3 NEWS, IT WAS-- IT SAID, "IT'S NOT A..." ZEV SAID, AND I QUOTE,
4 "IT'S NOT A MATTER OF MONEY, IT'S A MATTER OF GETTING QUALITY
5 NURSES, QUALITY DOCTORS, QUALITY SURGEONS INTO A HOSPITAL THAT
6 HAS HAD NONE OF THAT FOR QUITE A LONG TIME, FOR DECADES," AND
7 HE DENIES SAYING THIS DURING THE BEILENSON HEARING. I'D LIKE
8 TO KNOW IF MAYBE YOU WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR SAYING THAT AND IF
9 YOU'D BE WILLING TO WRITE THE DIRECTORS AT THE TRAUMA CENTERS,
10 THE FOUR THAT TRAINED AT KING, YOU'VE GET A LOT OF DOCTORS,
11 THEY'RE ALL OVER THE PLACE, THAT TRAINED AT KING AND, PLUS,
12 YOU HAVE RESIDENTS OVER THERE THAT ARE DOING A GREAT JOB.
13 MATTER OF FACT, THEY SCORED IN THE TOP 5% OF THE EMERGENCY
14 MEDICAL TRAINING THIS YEAR, NATIONAL-- NATION-WIDE. FIVE
15 PERCENT. 10% OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS. THAT SAYS A LOT ABOUT
16 THE TRAINING OVER THERE. SO, MR. ZEV, WOULD YOU LIKE TO
17 CLARIFY THAT STATEMENT, WHAT MADE YOU SAY THAT STATEMENT, AND
18 WOULD YOU CORRECT?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. YES, NEXT.

21

22 **ARVELLA GRISBY:** I...

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WINETKA.

25



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1 **CHARLES BRISTER:** I'M WAITING ON MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, YOU'RE HERE TO TESTIFY. WE TOOK YOUR
4 TESTIMONY. WINETKA?

5

6 **CHARLES BRISTER:** YEAH, BUT HE SAID THAT THERE WERE NO
7 QUALIFIED DOCTORS THERE. THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WINETKA.

10

11 **ARVELLA GRISBY:** I'M ARVELLA GRISBY AND I'M WITH THE WATTS
12 COMMUNITY COUNCIL. I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT OF WATTS FOR OVER 40-
13 SOME YEARS AND SO, WHEN I FIRST MOVED INTO THE AREA, THERE WAS
14 NO HOSPITAL. MANY CHILDREN WAS DYING IN THE STREETS WHERE CARS
15 HAD HIT THEM. MANY PEOPLE WHO HAD CHILDREN LOST BABIES BECAUSE
16 THEY COULDN'T GET TO THE HOSPITAL IN TIME. I USED TO HAVE TO
17 TAKE MY CHILDREN ALL THE WAY TO GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR SERVICE
18 BUT I WANT TO SAY THIS. I WORKED VERY, VERY HARD AT THE WEST
19 MINISTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION FOR YEARS, OVER 22 YEARS,
20 AND I WORKED IN, I BELIEVE, YOUR FIRST CAMPAIGN, MS. BURKE,
21 AND I THINK THAT WE CAN GET THIS TOGETHER. I BELIEVE IN MY
22 HEART THAT WE WORKED SO HARD TO GET THAT HOSPITAL THERE AND I
23 BELIEVE THAT WE GOT TO PRAY, WE GOT TO ASK EVERYBODY TO HELP,
24 WE GOT TO STICK TOGETHER. WE CAN DO IT AND I WANT TO TELL YOU
25 THAT I GOT A DEAR FRIEND OUT HERE IN THE AUDIENCE, SHE'S VERY



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1 SHY ABOUT SPEAKING. EVERY BONE IN HER BODY WAS BROKEN. HER
2 LIFE WAS SAVED AT MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. I HAD A SON WHO
3 WAS HIT BY A CAR AND HE WAS BROKEN UP. I HEARD OF A MAN THAT
4 WAS ON THE RAIL LINE, THE BLUE LINE WHEN IT FIRST CAME IN AND
5 HE WAS HIT, DIDN'T HEAR THE SIGNS BECAUSE HE HAD BAD HEARING.
6 HIS LIFE WAS SAVED...

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, MRS. GRISBY. YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP,
9 PLEASE.

10

11 **ARVELLA GRISBY:** ...AND I THINK THAT WE NEED THIS CENTER, WE
12 GOT TO HAVE IT AND I BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT FOR
13 US, I REALLY DO.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **ARVELLA GRISBY:** AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY
18 TO SPEAK.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WINETKA.

21

22 **ARVELLA GRISBY:** AND GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU. AND MAY YOU DO A
23 GOOD WORK.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND THEN LEANNETTE. IS DR. CROUCH, DR.
2 PERRY CROUCH...

3

4 **LEANNETTE HILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. I JUST WANT TO
5 REITERATE THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO KEEP THE KING DREW TRAUMA
6 CENTER, THE HOSPITAL, BECAUSE THIS COMMUNITY DESERVES TO HAVE
7 A TRAUMA CENTER. WE HAVE FOUGHT, WE'VE BLED AND WE'VE DIED
8 JUST TO HAVE ONE, AND WE DON'T NEED IT TO BE DOWNSIDES,
9 PRIVATIZED AND WE DON'T NEED TO BE BEAN COUNTED, AS MR.
10 GARTHWAITE THINKS THAT IS NECESSARY BECAUSE WE DON'T NEED A
11 BEAN COUNTER KIND OF SOLUTION HERE. WE NEED A HOLISTIC
12 SOLUTION. WE NEED NOT MEDIEVAL MEDICINE, NOT DARK AGES
13 CUT/BURN MEDICINE BUT WE NEED A REAL SOLUTION THAT IS
14 COMPREHENSIVE, THAT IS HOLISTIC TO OUR HEALTHCARE TRAUMA
15 NETWORK THAT KING DREW IS A PART OF. AND BY THE WAY, WE DO
16 HAVE SOME OF THE MOST FINEST DOCTORS IN MEDICAL UNIVERSITY IN
17 THE WHOLE ENTIRE WORLD. PLEASE, YOU KNOW, CHECK YOUR FACTS.
18 DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE. AND I JUST URGE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF
19 YOU GUYS TO JUST LOOK AT THIS REALLY CLOSELY BECAUSE IT WOULD
20 HAVE A GENOCIDAL EFFECT IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **WINETKA PLEASANT:** MY TURN. MY NAME IS WINETKA PLEASANT. IN MY
25 30 SECONDS, I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT A COUPLE OF KEY THINGS.



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1 THIS AUDIENCE NEEDS TO KNOW THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
2 SERVICES CAME TO KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER JUNE 2003 REMOVING
3 400-PLUS EMPLOYEES FROM THAT MEDICAL CENTER IN ONE FELL SWOOP,
4 COLLAPSING THAT CENTER. MOST OF THE THINGS THAT YOU'RE FINDING
5 OR CAN SEE RELATED TO RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM PROBLEMS AND
6 ALL OF THAT ARE WRITTEN IN DR. GARTHWAITE'S PLANS DATED IN THE
7 YEAR 2000 AND PRIOR TO ANY OF THESE THINGS OCCURRING. WE ARE
8 SAYING THAT THIS IS NOT ABOUT MONEY. IT IS ABOUT MONEY IF THE
9 TAXPAYERS VOTED FOR MEASURE B AND YOU'RE NOT DISCUSSING WHEN
10 THAT POT OF MONEY WILL BE DISBURSED. IT IS ABOUT MONEY IF
11 THERE'S A C.M.S. A LIVE REPORT THAT SHOWS THE KING DREW, IN
12 THE YEAR 2003, BROUGHT IN \$632 MILLION, \$509 MILLION IN
13 PATIENT, IN PATIENT REVENUE. IT IS ABOUT THE MONEY. NOW, MY
14 WHOLE THING IS, I DON'T NEED TO SIT HERE AND REPEAT HOW MANY
15 PEOPLE WERE SAVED, THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER, BUT WE NEED TO BE
16 FAIR. IF WE ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT COMPETENCE, WE NEED TO
17 REALLY BE FAIR ABOUT COMPETENCE. AND I WANT TO REMIND THIS
18 AUDIENCE AND THE WATCHING PUBLIC, THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
19 JUNE 24TH, 2003, APPROVED...

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WRAP IT UP.

22

23 **WINETKA PLEASANT:** I'M GOING TO WRAP IT UP. APPROVED A TRAUMA
24 CONTRACT WITH 10 PRIVATE SECTOR HOSPITALS: ST. FRANCIS, ST.
25 MARY'S, U.C.L.A. I WAS IN THIS BOARDROOM. MS. BURKE CHAIRED



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1 THE MEETING. SO ALL OF THESE FACILITIES COMING NOW IN THE
2 MIDST OF THIS THREAT TO CLOSE OUR TRAUMA CENTER VOLUNTEERING
3 AS JOHNNY COME LATELYS, WILLING TO RESCUE OUR SYSTEM IS A
4 HOAX. THEY'RE A PART OF THE ORIGINAL JUNE 24TH CONTRACT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.
7 GERALDINE SCOTT, CATHY YOUNGBLOOD, NELLE IVORY AND CATHERINE
8 LEWIS. IF THE FOUR OF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. THE NEXT FOUR
9 AFTER THAT WILL BE CHRISTINE KOUNDAKJIAN, I'M GOING TO GET
10 THAT RIGHT YET, DUSTIN BARNES, FREDDIE CORNELL, AND JASON
11 ROSS. FIRST FOUR, TAKE SEATS. THE NEXT FOUR, IF THEY'D STAND
12 RIGHT BEHIND, PLEASE. WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO GO FIRST, JUST
13 IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE.

14

15 **GERALDINE SCOTT:** OKAY. I WILL. I'M GERALDINE SCOTT, I'VE BEEN
16 IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR 40-SOME YEARS AND MY KIDS GREW UP
17 THERE AND THEY'RE ALL PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS AND WE ALL HAVE, AT
18 ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, HAD OCCASION TO GO TO THE MARTIN LUTHER
19 KING HOSPITAL. WE WERE SO PROUD WHEN IT OPENED. WE HAD PARTIES
20 AND IT WAS JUST SO WONDERFUL, WE HAVE SUCH WONDERFUL DOCTORS
21 THERE, CARING DOCTORS, BELIEVING DOCTORS AND THE BLACK PEOPLE,
22 ALL PEOPLE COME THERE. AND I WAS OUT THERE ONE NIGHT AND THEY
23 BROUGHT TWO CARLOADS OF PEOPLE, THESE WERE HISPANIC PEOPLE,
24 THAT RAN INTO EACH OTHER AND THE DOCTORS JUST WAS SO
25 WONDERFUL. THEY ALL RAN OUT, THE NURSES RAN OUT AND THEY SAVED



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1 THOSE PEOPLE AND THEY HAD TO TAKE THE BABY TO CHILDREN'S
2 HOSPITAL. AND A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER, I WENT AND INQUIRED
3 ABOUT THAT AND THE BABY WAS TRANSFERRED BACK TO MARTIN LUTHER
4 KING HOSPITAL AND THAT'S WHERE THE BABY GOT WELL. AND I JUST
5 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, AND I HAVE
6 ONE SON, HE WAS IN FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE AND HE BROKE HIS ARM
7 AND THEY BROUGHT HIM TO MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL AND THEY--
8 THE BONE WAS STICKING OUT AND...

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **GERALDINE SCOTT:** ...HE WAS UNCONSCIOUS AND WITHIN...

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **GERALDINE SCOTT:** JUST A SECOND, SIR. AND, WITHIN A COUPLE OF
17 HOURS, HE WAS AWAKE AND HIS ARM HEALED BEAUTIFULLY AND NOW HE
18 AND NOW HE IS ON THE L.A.P.D. POLICE DEPARTMENT AND HE IS
19 STILL DOING HIS WORK AND THE WORK...

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **GERALDINE SCOTT:** ...OF THIS COMMUNITY IS-- BOARD IS TO SERVE
24 AND PROTECT AND I THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES. [APPLAUSE]

2

3 **CATHY YOUNGBLOOD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CATHY YOUNGBLOOD.

4 I WANT ALL OF YOU UP THERE TO TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT MY FACE, FOR

5 I AM THE FACE OF THE UNINSURED. I LIVE ON GORMAN AVENUE IN

6 WILLOWBROOK. I'M ALSO THE FACE OF A ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, WHAT

7 YOU CALL HOME BOY AMBULANCE. I AM A STRUGGLING COLLEGE STUDENT

8 GOING FOR A DEGREE NOT ONLY IN CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY, BUT A

9 PH.D. IN BLACK HISTORY. I'LL BE QUICK. I WOULD LIKE MORE TIME

10 BUT I RESPECTFULLY UNDERSTAND YOUR LIMITATIONS. I AM TO REPORT

11 BACK TO THE PEOPLE. BY 4:00, I'LL BE IN JORDAN DOWNS. BY 7:00,

12 I'LL BE IN NICKERSON GARDENS AND, BY MIDNIGHT, I'LL BE IN

13 IMPERIAL COURTS. AS A CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGIST, I TALK TO

14 PEOPLE YOU'LL NEVER SEE. BUT I AM HERE TO SAY PLEASE KEEP KING

15 DREW TRAUMA CENTER OPEN. AND I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM THE BOYS IN

16 THE HOOD, THE REVOLUTION HAS BEGUN. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. NELLE. [INTERJECTIONS]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. NELLE-- WHO-- I HAVE NELLE IVORY AND

21 CATHERINE LEWIS.

22

23 **NELLE IVORY:** I'M NELLE IVORY AND I'VE BEEN LIVING IN LOS

24 ANGELES SINCE THE 1940S. HOWEVER, I WANT ALL OF YOU TO HEAR

25 ME, THIS IS NOT ONLY TO THE SUPERVISORS BUT IT INCLUDES THE



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1 SUPERVISORS. I FEEL NONE OF YOU SHOULD SAY THE PLEDGE OF
2 ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG BECAUSE YOU REALLY DON'T MEAN IT
3 BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT GIVING KING DREW TRAUMA CENTER AND NOR ARE
4 YOU GIVING THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES LIBERTY OR ANY
5 OTHER AREA LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR THE HEALTH CENTER OF KING
6 DREW. I FEEL VERY SORRY AND SAD AND ANGRY AND PITY FOR ALL OF
7 YOU BECAUSE WE TRUST IN YOU AND YOU HAVE LET US DOWN. YOU'RE
8 NOT TRYING TO-- I DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU ARE TRYING TO SOLVE THE
9 PROBLEM. I'VE LOST ALL RESPECT FOR YOU BECAUSE I'VE BEEN IN
10 BUSINESS FOR 50 YEARS AND I KNOW HOW IT IS. YOU AREN'T
11 SERIOUS, I DON'T THINK, BUT JUST REMEMBER, GOD PUNISHES THOSE
12 THAT HARM HIS PEOPLE OR THEIR FOLLOWERS AND THAT'S WHAT I HAVE
13 TO SAY. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. CATHERINE?

16

17 **CATHERINE LEWIS:** OKAY. I HAVEN'T STARTED MY TIME YET.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL...

20

21 **CATHERINE LEWIS:** I AM-- OKAY, MY NAME IS CATHERINE...

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU DON'T-- I'M SORRY. I THINK CHRISTINA
24 AND WE'LL JUST HAVE TO PASS YOU, THEN.

25



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1 **CATHERINE LEWIS:** NO, I'M NOT-- I WANT TO BE HEARD.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. PLEASE. YES, CATHERINE.

4

5 **CATHERINE LEWIS:** OKAY. I HAVEN'T STARTED MY TIME YET.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** COME ON. WE UNDERSTAND. GO AHEAD.

8

9 **CATHERINE LEWIS:** MY NAME IS CATHERINE LEWIS. DR. JEREMIAH
10 RIDEOUT OF CHICAGO SAID THERE IS NO I, ME, OR MINE IN THE
11 LORD'S PRAYER. HE IS RIGHT. IT IS ALL ABOUT OUR, WE AND US.
12 THIS IS NO TIME OR THERE IS NO TIME OR PLACE FOR SELFISHNESS
13 BECAUSE THERE ARE TOO MANY LIVES AT STAKE. AS BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS, YOU SHOULD WANT THE BEST SERVICE FOR ALL PEOPLE,
15 NO MATTER WHAT DISTRICT YOU REPRESENT. I WAS SHOCKED TO FIND
16 OUT THAT DR. GARTHWAITE'S OFFICE WAS LOCATED DOWNTOWN INSTEAD
17 OF M.L.K. WHO DID HE APPOINT AS AN ON- SITE ADMINISTRATOR? HOW
18 OFTEN DOES HE GO TO M.L.K.? HOW DO YOU RUN A HOSPITAL FROM
19 DOWNTOWN? WHAT IS HIS JOB DESCRIPTION? THIS HOSPITAL DID NOT
20 DETERIORATE OVERNIGHT. ALL OF YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
21 MAINTENANCE OF THIS HOSPITAL. I FEEL THAT YOU FAILED TO DO
22 YOUR JOB AT THIS PARTICULAR HOSPITAL, WHICH CONSTITUTES
23 NEGLIGENCE. YOU CAN'T OPERATE A HOSPITAL WITHOUT STAFF. YOU
24 NEED TO HIRE FULL-TIME NURSES AND PAY THEM SALARIES COMPARABLE
25 TO OTHER HOSPITALS. YOU ARE DOING AN INJUSTICE TO THE



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1 COMMUNITY AND ALL OF LOS ANGELES BY DIVERTING AMBULANCES TO
2 FAR OFF HOSPITALS AND JEOPARDIZING PEOPLE'S LIVES.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. PLEASE WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.

5

6 **CATHERINE LEWIS:** YOU ARE SLAMMING THE DOOR SHUT ON THE FUTURE
7 MAGNATE SCHOOL STUDENTS IF YOU CLOSE THIS TRAUMA CENTER.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **CATHERINE LEWIS:** WE ASK THAT GOD WILL KEEP THE TRAUMA CENTER
12 AND HOSPITAL OPEN.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

15

16 **CATHERINE LEWIS:** WE ASK THIS IN HIS SON, JESUS' NAME, AMEN. [
17 APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER STARTS,
20 I'LL ASK DERRICK LOVE TO COME FORWARD, ROSALIO MUNOZ,
21 JACQUELINE SMITH-SHARP AND JEANNIE WASHINGTON, IF THE FOUR OF
22 YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, PLEASE. I HAVE CHRISTINE, DUSTIN,
23 FREDDIE. RIGHT? AND IS JASON ROSS HERE?

24

25 **JASON ROSS:** YES.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IS DUSTIN BARNES HERE?

3

4 **JUSTIN ROSS:** HE HAD TO LEAVE. HE WANTED TO GIVE ME HIS TIME.
5 IS THAT COOL?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. PLEASE GO AHEAD. IDENTIFY
8 YOURSELF.

9

10 **FREDDIE CORNELL:** OKAY. MY NAME IS FREDDIE CORNELL AND I WORK
11 WITH THE LYNDON LAROCHE YOUTH MOVEMENT. WHAT'S BEING
12 DISPLAYED ON THIS BOARD IS EITHER A DENIAL OR AN IGNORANCE
13 TOWARDS THIS ECONOMIC CRISES THAT THIS ENTIRE NATION IS
14 FACING. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW OF SAVING THIS TRAUMA
15 CENTER AND FIGHTING BACK AGAINST WHAT SCHWARZENEGGER IS DOING
16 TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. ALL OF YOU HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT
17 THIS IS NOT JUST GOING TO BE THIS TRAUMA CENTER BUT THIS IS
18 EXACTLY THE POLICY THAT THIS ENTIRE ECONOMIC SYSTEM HAS
19 INTENDED FOR THIS NATION. IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK TO SHUT DOWN
20 THIS TRAUMA CENTER AND TRY TO SAVE MONEY. YOU ARE GOING TO
21 KILL PEOPLE, AND THAT'S GOING TO BE ON YOUR CONSCIENCE AND THE
22 FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT THEY'RE-- AS OUR FRIEND WHO JUST
23 SPOKE DISCUSSED THAT THERE'S REVOLUTION GOING ON, THAT'S
24 EXACTLY CORRECT AND IT'S BEING LED BY THE LAROCHE MOVEMENT.
25 RECOGNIZE THIS, THAT IT'S GOING TO COME BACK TO YOU WHAT IT IS



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1 THAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING RIGHT NOW. WE HAVE TO FIGHT BACK NOW.
2 SAVE THIS TRAUMA CENTER AND START ADDRESSING THE REALITY. WE
3 NEED A REORGANIZATION OF THE ENTIRE ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND WE CAN
4 BEGIN NOW.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DUSTIN.

7

8 **JASON ROSS:** HI. I'M ACTUALLY JASON ROSS. DUSTIN'S NOT HERE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. JASON?

11

12 **JASON ROSS:** YEAH. I'M JASON ROSS. THE FLANK THAT LAROCHE IS
13 USING TO IDENTIFY THE CRISIS THAT WE'RE IN RIGHT NOW IS THE
14 RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOK BY JOHN PERKINS CALLED, "CONFESSIONS
15 OF AN ECONOMIC HIT MAN" IN WHICH HE RECOUNTS KIND OF A
16 CONFESSIONAL STORY OF HOW HE HAS BEEN OPERATING TO DESTROY
17 NATIONS LIKE ARGENTINA, THE PHILIPPINES AND OTHERS THROUGH
18 ECONOMIC MEANS. ONE OF HIS CHIEF SUPERVISORS IN THAT POSITION
19 WAS GEORGE SCHULTZ, WHO IS NOW ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER'S CHIEF
20 ECONOMIC ADVISOR. THIS STATE IS GOING TO SHUT DOWN THIS
21 HOSPITAL, IF NOT NOW, IT'S GOING TO BE LATER, IF YOU DON'T
22 ADDRESS THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS THAT WE'RE IN. SO THE WAY
23 YOU'RE GOING TO DO THAT IS WITH A RETURN TO PHYSICAL
24 ECONOMICS. LAROCHE HAS LAID OUT THE PLANS FOR A NEW BRETON
25 WOODS FOR THE WORLD, HE'S LAID OUT HOW WE HAVE TO HAVE A



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1 FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT STYLE ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOR THE NATION. IF
2 YOU THAT, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE TO SHUT DOWN HOSPITALS
3 ANYWHERE IN THE NATION. IF YOU IGNORE IT AND IF YOU KEEP
4 TREATING ANY OF THESE THINGS AS LOCAL ISSUES, YOU'RE GOING TO
5 LOSE, IF NOT TODAY, YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE TOMORROW, IF YOU
6 WON'T TAKE ON THE WHOLE WORLD. YOU DO NEED TO KEEP THE TRAUMA
7 CENTER OPEN BECAUSE, FRANKLY, YOU ARE GOING TO BE KILLING
8 PEOPLE IF YOU SHUT IT AND THAT'S NOT ACCEPTABLE. BUT YOU HAVE
9 TO APPROACH THIS FROM THE NATIONAL LEVEL AND THAT WAS NOT
10 BROUGHT UP AND YOU NEED TO.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CHRISTINE.

13

14 **CHRISTINE KOUNDAKJIAN:** HI. THIS LETTER IS IN REGARDS TO THE
15 STATEMENTS THAT WERE MADE BY SUPERVISORS ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, MIKE
16 ANTONOVICH AND GLORIA, YEAH, YOU, MOLINA, ABOUT THE QUALITY OF
17 CARE AT MARTIN LUTHER KING MEDICAL CENTER. NOT ONLY DID ZEV
18 YAROSLAVSKY FAIL TO APOLOGIZE TO THE DOCTORS AND NURSES BUT--
19 NOT ONLY DID HE FAIL TO APOLOGIZE BUT, AFTER IMPLYING THAT WE
20 WERE INCOMPETENT, HE COULDN'T EVEN EXPLAIN THE RATIONALE. I'M
21 HERE TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. I HAVE A FEW NAMES ENCLOSED.
22 DR. PETER MEAD, DIRECTOR OF SURGICAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AT
23 KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER IS NOT ONLY REMARKABLE AT KING DREW
24 BUT HE WAS NAMED LOS ANGELES PHYSICIAN HUMANITARIAN OF THE
25 YEAR IN 1999 BY CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION



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1 FOUNDATION, MEMBER OF MISSIONS OF DOCTORS ASSOCIATION SINCE
2 1986, MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS,
3 WHO WAS A RECIPIENT OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. HILDA MATAMOROS,
4 REGISTERED NURSE AT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER THAT YOU BOARD
5 MEMBERS GAVE HER THE NURSE-- NAMED HER AS NURSE OF THE YEAR AT
6 KING DREW. DELPHINA BLANDFORD, ANOTHER NURSE OF THE YEAR THAT
7 YOU GUYS NAMED AS KING DREW NURSE OF THE YEAR. VERONICA
8 MARBELLA, ALSO KING DREW NURSE OF THE YEAR. DOCTOR EUGENE
9 HARDIN, CHAIRMAN OF KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER...

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, CHRISTINE. DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP,
12 PLEASE.

13

14 **CHRISTINE KOUNDAKJIAN:** ...EMERGENCY ROOM. I'M WRAPPING IT UP.
15 HE WAS APPOINTED AS A COMMISSIONER TO THE E.M.S. AUTHORITY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **CHRISTINE KOUNDAKJIAN:** I'M ALMOST FINISHED. THE DECISION YOU
20 HAVE MADE TODAY...

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

23



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1 **CHRISTINE KOUNDAKJIAN:** ...IS PERMANENT. MR. ANTONOVICH, YOU
2 CAME ON T.V. AND THE CHRISTIAN STATION. SHOW ME HOW CHRISTIAN
3 YOU REALLY ARE.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

6

7 **CHRISTINE KOUNDAKJIAN:** SHOW ME, IF YOU CAN LOOK INTO YOUR
8 SOUL, BECAUSE THIS DECISION TONIGHT IS PERMANENT. OKAY? SHOW
9 ME THE REAL CHRISTIAN.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, LYNN KERSEY,
12 PEGGY MIGUDA AND LOUIS CARILLO, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD,
13 PLEASE, AND STAND BEHIND THERE. DERRICK. YES. GO AHEAD,
14 PLEASE.

15

16 **DERRICK LOVE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS DERRICK LOVE.
17 I FEEL THAT NONE OF YOU HAVE DONE YOUR BEST, BECAUSE YOUR BEST
18 WOULD SAVE THE CENTER. ALL IN CHARGE OF THIS MATTER INCLUDE
19 OUR LEADERS, CONGRESSMEN AND WOMEN, MAYOR AND THE JUDICIAL
20 SYSTEM MUST ADMIT YOU HAVE FAILED THE PEOPLE. WE DEPENDED AND
21 TRUSTED ON YOU TO SAVE THE CENTER BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE POWER,
22 THE KNOWLEDGE AND THE ABILITY TO SAVE THE CENTER. SINCE YOU
23 ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CENTER, BY YOU VOTING
24 TO CLOSE THIS CENTER WILL NOT ONLY SHOW A FAILURE-- EXCUSE ME.
25 SINCE YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CENTER, BY YOU VOTING TO



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1 CLOSE THE TRAUMA CENTER, IT WILL SHOW THAT YOUR LACK OF
2 LEADERSHIP TO LEAD THE PEOPLE CORRECTLY. KING DREW IS NOT THE
3 PROBLEM BUT THE PROBLEM RESULT-- BUT THE RESULT OF THE
4 PROBLEM, JUST LIKE THE CORRUPTION IN L.A.P.D. UNEMPLOYMENT
5 RATE IS HIGH IN OUR AREA, CRIME IS HIGHER, OPPRESSION,
6 HOMELESS PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE WITHOUT A PROPER EDUCATION IS
7 HIGHER IN OUR AREA THAN IN OTHER DISTRICTS. THE PROBLEM LIES
8 IN NEGLIGENCE OF OUR LEADER TO CARE PROPERLY FOR THE PEOPLE IN
9 OUR DISTRICT LIKE THEY CARE FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE OTHER
10 DISTRICTS. WHY FLATTER US WITH YOUR WORDS...

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. PLEASE WRAP IT UP.

13

14 **DERRICK LOVE:** WHY FLATTER US WITH YOUR WORDS? YOU TELL US WITH
15 YOUR WORDS THAT YOU WANT TO SAVE THE TRAUMA CENTER BUT YET,
16 BEHIND OUR BACKS, YOU DO ACTIONS WHAT WILL CLOSE IT DOWN.
17 THANK YOU. BE BLESSED.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ROSALIO?

20

21 **ROSALIO MUNOZ:** ROSALIO MUNOZ WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
22 DISTRICT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY U.S.A. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A
23 COMMUNIST TO SEE THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS BEING
24 JUNKED, IT'S BEING OUTSOURCED, IT'S BEING USED AS A CASH COW
25 BY THE MEDICAL ESTABLISHMENT AND THE LARGER INSURANCE AND



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1 MEDICAL CORPORATIONS AND THE DRUG INDUSTRIES. AND THE PRIVATE
2 SYSTEM IS FAILING GREATER AND GREATER NUMBERS OF OUR
3 POPULATION DAY IN AND DAY OUT AND LOS ANGELES BEING THE CENTER
4 OF THAT. AND CLOSING THIS HEALTHCARE CENTER GOES ALONG WITH
5 THAT LONG-TERM TREND, UNFORTUNATELY, IN OUR SOCIETY. YOU SAY
6 YOU'RE FOLLOWING THE DEMANDS OR THE DIRECTION OR THE SITUATION
7 YOU'RE PUT IN BY THE MEDICAL ESTABLISHMENT, BY J.C.A.H.O., BY
8 C.M.S. THAT HAVE BEEN OPERATING AS A DISAPPEARANCE OF THE
9 PUBLIC SYSTEM CONTINUES AND THE FAILURES OF THE PRIVATE SYSTEM
10 ACCELERATES. THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO FURTHER IF YOU CLOSE
11 THE KING DREW CENTER.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.

14

15 **ROSALIO MUNOZ:** I WANT TO JUST ALSO ADD THAT, IF YOU READ FROM
16 MY OWN FIRST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, WE WANT YOUR REAL RESPONSE
17 TO THE TESTIMONY, WRITTEN AND SPOKEN...

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. JACQUELINE-- THANK YOU, ROSALIO.
20 JACQUELINE...

21

22 **ROSALIO MUNOZ:** ...BECAUSE GARTHWAITE IS A SPIN DOCTOR, NOT
23 REALLY A MEDICAL DOCTOR.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** JACQUELINE? [APPLAUSE]



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JEANNIE WASHINGTON: HI. MY NAME IS JEANNIE WASHINGTON. I SPEAK
ON BEHALF OF SEVERAL ENTITIES. I'M HERE FOR ALL OF THE SCHOOL
CHILDREN IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES, SOUTH LOS ANGELES. I'M
HERE FOR REVEREND FISHER, JEROME FISHER AND THE LITTLE ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH, I'M HERE FOR ALL THE ASPIRING DOCTORS AND
NURSES AND I'M HERE FOR MYSELF AS A PARENT. YOU ARE GOING TO
IMPACT OUR CHILDREN SEVERELY. THE KIDS THAT I TEACH ON A DAILY
BASIS HAVE TO GO TO KING. THEY HAVE ALL-- SOME OF THEM ARE
IMPACTED BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN HURT, WOUNDED AND SAVED AT
KING. THEY REALIZE THAT THAT'S THE ONLY HOSPITAL IN THEIR AREA
THAT THEY CAN GO TO AND, IF YOU CLOSE IT, YOU WILL BE KILLING
THEM IN ADDITION TO EVERYTHING ELSE THAT IS IMPACTING THEIR
LIVES. SO I ASK THAT YOU LOOK WITHIN YOUR SOUL AND MAKE A
DECISION TO SAVE THEIR LIVES AND THE FUTURE OF AMERICA. THANK
YOU.

17

SUP. KNABE, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I WOULD ASK THAT LINDA J.,
MAXWELL RUSSELL, RENEE RACHAL, AND CHIMBUKO TEMBO PLEASE COME
DOWN AND STAND BEHIND THERE. JACQUELINE?

21

JACQUELINE SMITH-SHARP: HI. I'M ALSO WITH THE LAROCHE YOUTH
MOVEMENT. MOST OF THE KIDS WHO SPOKE TODAY FROM LAROCHE'S
YOUTH MOVEMENT, WE DON'T LIVE IN THE WATTS COMMUNITY. WE'VE
COME IN HERE BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THE SHUTTING DOWN OF THIS



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1 TRAUMA CENTER AS BEING INDICATIVE OF THE FISCAL AUSTERITY
2 POLICIES THAT ARE HAPPENING NATION AND WORLDWIDE. THIS IS
3 SOMETHING THAT, I MEAN, YOU CAN'T TAKE AN ORGAN OUT OF A HUMAN
4 BEING, YOU KNOW, A VITAL ORGAN OUT OF A HUMAN BEING IN ORDER
5 TO SAVE THEM. IT JUST DOESN'T WORK. NOW WHAT WE'RE DOING, LIKE
6 I SAID, WORLDWIDE AND NATIONWIDE, IS WE'RE BUILDING A YOUTH
7 MOVEMENT TO TRY TO COMBAT THIS AND WE'RE-- I MEAN, WE ARE
8 ASKING YOU TODAY TO, YOU KNOW, LOOK AT THIS. THIS IS NOT, YOU
9 KNOW, JUST A LOCAL ISSUE. AND IF YOU GUYS DO SHUT IT DOWN, I
10 MEAN, IF THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING NATIONWIDE, THEN, I MEAN, OUR
11 POPULATION ISN'T GOING TO SURVIVE THIS CRISIS. THAT'S ALL I
12 WANTED TO SAY.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. GENEVIEVE. [APPLAUSE
15]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GENEVIEVE?

18

19 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ANYWAY, I'M JUST VERY
20 CONCERNED HERE. IT'S OBVIOUS THAT YOU ARE-- YOU DON'T GET IT.
21 YOU DON'T GET IT AT ALL! NO MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE TESTIFY,
22 YOU HAVE HAD SOMEBODY IN CHARGE AT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER
23 FOR THE LAST YEAR, DR. GARTHWAITE, FRED LEAF AND COMPANY. THEY
24 ARE THE ONES WHO ARE INCOMPETENT. THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH THE
25 TRAUMA CENTER AND I DON'T KNOW ANY WAY YOU CUT IT, WHEN DR.



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1 GARTHWAITE TOOK HIS OATH, THE FIRST ONE HE TOOK WAS DO NO
2 HARM. HE HAVE DONE MORE HARM TO THIS COMMUNITY THAN ANYBODY
3 THAT I KNOW! [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WE ARE-- STILL DON'T KNOW, I DON'T CARE
6 HOW MANY TESTIMONY WE HAVE HAD, WE STILL HAVE HAD NONE OF THE
7 DOCUMENTS ON WHICH YOU MADE YOUR DECISION. AND, LIKE
8 SUPERVISOR MOLINA I LIKE SO MUCH, SHE DON'T WANT TO MISLEAD
9 THE COMMUNITY. SHE HAS CONSTANTLY MISLED THE COMMUNITY! [
10 CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

11

12 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND, UNTIL WE HAVE THOSE DOCUMENTS AND I
13 THINK YOU SHOULD DO YOUR WORK, FIRE GARTHWAITE, FIRE LEAF, OR
14 WE'LL FIRE YOU. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LYNN KERSEY. PEGGY MIGUDA, LEWIS
17 CARILLO. YES.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** WHO'S NEXT? WHO'S NEXT?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** LYNN KERSEY. LYNN KERSEY.

22

23 **LINDA J.:** MY NAME IS LINDA J. TODAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, MY 48TH
24 BIRTHDAY. AS AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN, I HAVE A VERY BLEAK OPTIMISM
25 IN REGARDS TO THE COUNTRY AND, MOST OF ALL, THE CITY. IT IS



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1 APPALLING TO ME TO KNOW THAT WE, THE PEOPLE AND FOR A PEOPLE
2 LIKE YOURSELVES, PEOPLE WITH NO COMPASSION, NO SENSE OF
3 COMMUNITY, NO SENSE OF CONNECTION TO THE COMMUNITY. WHAT'S
4 REALLY GOING ON IS YOU, AS ELECTED OFFICIALS, HAVE OUR LIFE
5 BREAD AT HAND HERE. I BEG OF YOU NOT TO SHUT THIS HOSPITAL
6 DOWN, THIS TRAUMA CENTER DOWN. INSTEAD, SHUT MANAGEMENT DOWN.
7 CLEAN OUT MR. GARTHWAITE'S DESK. YOURS, YES, YOU, OKAY? AND
8 CLEAN OUT... [INTERJECTIONS]

9

10 **LINDA J.:** AND LET A REAL MANAGEMENT RUN THIS HOSPITAL. THANK
11 YOU VERY KINDLY.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MA'AM?

14

15 **PEGGY MIGUDA:** I'M MIGUDA, PEGGY MIGUDA. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO.

18

19 **PEGGY MIGUDA:** PEGGY MIGUDA. AM I CLOSE ENOUGH YET?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

22

23 **PEGGY MIGUDA:** I'M NOT A PUBLIC SPEAKER BUT ANY STRETCH
24 HOWEVER-- IT SAYS 58. I HAVEN'T DONE ANY TALKING YET. CAN YOU
25 START ME WITH 100, PLEASE?



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

3

4 **PEGGY MIGUDA:** I CAME, REALLY, TO TALK ABOUT MY BROTHER-IN-LAW
5 WHO, SEVEN YEARS AGO, WAS SHOT ON THE JOB, HE'S AN
6 ELECTRICIAN, HE WAS OUT AT ONE OF THOSE PUBLIC HOUSING PLACES,
7 SHOT AT HIS JOB. HE WAS A MEMBER OF KAISER, HE LIVES IN
8 PASADENA, THEY WANTED TO SEND HIM TO HUNTINGTON AND THEY
9 WANTED TO TAKE HIM TO KAISER. HE WENT TO KING DREW HOSPITAL
10 THEY SAVED HIS LIFE. OKAY? THEY TOOK FOUR... [INTERJECTIONS]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE.

13

14 **PEGGY MIGUDA:** EXCUSE ME, THEY TOOK FOUR FEET OF HIS INTESTINES
15 OUT, REPAIRED A SEAM IN-- A TEAR IN HIS STOMACH. HE IS MAKING
16 BEAUCOUP MONEY. HE'S IN THE HOSPITAL TODAY, HE'S HAVING HIS
17 KNEES REDONE. HE WOULD HAVE COME. WE WERE ON THE TELEPHONE
18 'TIL PAST MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT TALKING ABOUT HOW WONDERFUL THAT
19 TRAUMA CENTER IS. SEVEN YEARS AGO, SO YOU GUYS ARE TALKING
20 DECADES AGO, HE SAID NOT ONLY WAS THE TRAUMA CENTER WONDERFUL
21 AND CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST ON THE WEST COAST, HE SAID THE
22 MILITARY FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY CAME THERE FOR TRAINING, AS
23 DID PEOPLE FROM THE WORLD FOR THE TRAUMA KNOWLEDGE AT THAT
24 CENTER. THIS WAS SEVEN YEARS AGO. SO ALL THIS STUFF ABOUT
25 DECADES, THEY'RE LIES. AND WE CAME FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO



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1 SEE ABOUT HIM BECAUSE WE ALL THOUGHT HE WAS DYING. OKAY? SO
2 THERE ARE TONS OF LIES ABOUT THE TRAUMA CENTER AND I, LIKE THE
3 LADY...

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **PEGGY MIGUDA:** ...MAY I SAY ONE OTHER THING? I, LIKE THE LADY
8 WHO SAID SHE REPRESENTS THE UNEMPLOYED, THAT'S ME. I HAVE A
9 MASTER'S DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. OKAY? I'M ALSO
10 UNEMPLOYED. I AM AMONG THOSE PEOPLE WHO NEED HEALTHCARE AND
11 DOES NOT HAVE IT TODAY. OKAY? FOR SOME REASON, I DON'T SEEM TO
12 BE ABLE TO GET HIRED AGAIN, AND I'VE HAD JOBS AT I.B.M., I'VE
13 BEEN A MARKETING MANAGER, I'VE BEEN AN ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE, AND,
14 FOR SOME REASON, I CAN'T FIND EMPLOYMENT. THERE'S A LOT GOING
15 ON WRONG IN OUR WORLD AND WE NEED TO TRY TO BRING THINGS
16 TOGETHER TO MAKE IT RIGHT, NOT WRONG.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ARE YOU LYNN KERSEY?

19

20 **LUIS CARRILLO:** DID YOU SAY LUIS CARILLO?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I CALLED FOUR AT A TIME. IS LYNN KERSEY
23 HERE? NO? OKAY. LUIS-- LUIS?

24



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1 **LUIS CARRILLO:** OKAY. YOUR VOTE TO CLOSE THE TRAUMA CENTER WILL
2 CREATE A DANGEROUS CONDITION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH. YOUR VOTE TO
3 CLOSE THE TRAUMA CENTER WILL LEAD TO LOSS OF LIVES BECAUSE OF
4 THE FACT THAT, IN THOSE MINUTES THAT ACUTE MEDICAL ATTENTION
5 IS REQUIRED FOR TRAUMATIC INJURIES, PEOPLE WILL DIE IF THEY
6 HAVE TO DRIVE OR ARE DRIVEN TO HOSPITALS THAT ARE TOO FAR AWAY
7 IN THOSE CRUCIAL MINUTES THAT IT'S ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT
8 THEY RECEIVE MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR THOSE TRAUMATIC INJURIES. I
9 WANT TO THANK CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS FOR PUTTING INTO THE
10 RECORD A CLAIM AND AN INTENT TO SUE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU
11 SUPERVISORS AND DR. GARTHWAITE BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT YOUR
12 VOTE WILL CERTAINLY ENDANGER THE COMMUNITY AND LEAD TO LOSS OF
13 LIVES AND, THEREFORE, LAWSUITS IN THE FUTURE WILL BE FILED
14 AGAINST EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU SUPERVISORS IN YOUR
15 INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS THAT ARE TAKEN TODAY TO
16 CLOSE THE TRAUMA CENTER AND CREATE A DANGEROUS CONDITION FOR
17 THE MILLIONS OF RESIDENTS THAT ARE SERVED BY THE KING DREW
18 MEDICAL FACILITY. AND, THEREFORE, YOU WILL BEAR THE
19 RESPONSIBILITY, IN FUTURE LAWSUITS AND LITIGATION, NOT JUST
20 THE TAXPAYERS BUT YOU INDIVIDUALLY WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

23



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I ASK THAT THABITI AMBADA JOIN
2 US PLEASE. ROBERT LESLEY, SHEILA WARD, AND ABDUL MUHAMMAD,
3 WOULD JOIN US, PLEASE. YES. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

4
5 **CHIMBUKO TEMBO:** MY NAME IS CHIMBUKO TEMBO AND I'M ASSISTANT
6 DIRECTOR AT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER. MY
7 COLLEAGUE, MR. WACIFO TONDOLIFO, HAS CREDEED HIS MINUTE TO ME,
8 SO I'LL BE TAKING BOTH HIS MINUTE AND MY OWN. I WANT TO THANK
9 CONGRESSWOMAN WATERS FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT
10 ISSUE AND WE'RE HERE TODAY TO ADD OUR VOICE TO THE COMMUNITY'S
11 STRONG AND CONSISTENT CALL TO KEEP THE TRAUMA CENTER OPEN. IT
12 IS IMPORTANT TO STRESS THAT THIS STRUGGLE INVOLVES ISSUES THAT
13 ARE BROADER THAN THE MAINTENANCE OR CLOSURE OF THE TRAUMA
14 CENTER FOR IT IS PART OF OUR OVERALL STRUGGLE, AS COMMUNITIES
15 OF COLOR, TO LIVE LIVES OF DECENCY AND DIGNITY WHICH INVOLVES
16 OUR RIGHT TO RECEIVE QUALITY HEALTHCARE, INCLUDING TRAUMA CARE
17 IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY. CLOSING THE TRAUMA CENTER WILL SEND AN
18 OMINOUS MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY THAT THERE IS AN
19 IRRESPONSIBLE AND RECKLESS REGARD FOR OUR LIVES AND WELLBEING
20 WITHIN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THAT THERE IS AN
21 ACCEPTABLE NUMBER OF DEATHS THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO COUNT AS
22 COLLATERAL DAMAGE IN ORDER TO INSTITUTE THE CLOSURE OF THE
23 TRAUMA UNIT AT KING DREW AND DIVERT RESOURCES ELSEWHERE.
24 WHATEVER HAPPENS HERE TODAY MUST BE SEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR
25 HISTORY, OF STRUGGLE IN THIS COUNTRY, COUNTY AND CITY FOR



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1 FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND EQUALITY. KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER WAS
2 BORN IN THE MIDST OF STRUGGLE AND IT IS A LEGACY THAT WE ARE
3 NOT ABOUT TO WALK AWAY FROM. WE ARE DEDICATED TO DEFENDING THE
4 INTEGRITY, CONSTANT DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUANCE OF KING DREW
5 MEDICAL CENTER. WE URGE YOU, SUPERVISORS, TO JOIN WITH US IN
6 THIS STRUGGLE AND NOT LET US LEAVE HERE HAVING TO DIRECT OUR
7 STRUGGLE AGAINST YOU. THE STRUGGLE SHOULD NOT BE ONE OF US
8 CONSTANTLY HAVING TO DEFEND AGAINST ATTACKS ON OUR COMMUNITY'S
9 RIGHTFUL GAINS, BUT RATHER, SHOULD BE ONE TO EXPAND AND
10 IMPROVE TO BENEFIT THE LIFE AND WELLBEING OF ALL OF US. THANK
11 YOU. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. [INTERJECTIONS]

14

15 **MAXWELL RUSSELL:** THIS IS ME RIGHT HERE. THEY CALL ME GENERAL
16 MAXWELL RUSSELL. MY BROTHER DIED IN KOREA FIGHTING FOR THIS
17 COUNTRY!!! AIN'T NOTHING CHANGED!!! AIN'T NOTHING CHANGED!!
18 THE FACE IS STILL THE SAME!!! Y'ALL GOING TO TURN THE CLOCK
19 BACK, THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO DO!!! YOU WANT TO CLOSE THE
20 HOSPITAL DOWN. NOT ONLY DO YOU WANT TO CLOSE IT DOWN, YOU WANT
21 TO CHANGE THE NAME TO CESAR CHAVEZ!!! Y'ALL DON'T WANT A BLACK
22 MAN TO RUN NOTHING!!! THAT IS THE TRUTH!!! THAT'S WHY MAYOR
23 HAHN GOT RID OF CHIEF PARKS!!! CHIEF PARKS WAS THE GOODEST
24 POLICE CHIEF EVER BEEN IN LOS ANGELES!!!! I COME HERE IN 1956
25 IN THE MARINE CORPS AND I COME BACK IN '63. CHIEF PARKS IS THE



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1 GREATEST POLICE CHIEF WE EVER HAD IN THIS CITY!! BUT, NO, OLD
2 MAYOR HAHN, THAT OLD DEVIL. I TELL YOU ALL ABOUT HIM!!! [
3 UNINTELLIGIBLE SCREAMING]

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU, GENERAL. THANK YOU,
6 GENERAL.

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8 **MAXWELL RUSSELL:** (YELLING CONTINUES)

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, GENERAL. THANK YOU, GENERAL.

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12 **MAXWELL RUSSELL:** (YELLING CONTINUES).

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. RENE? RENE?

15

16 **MAXWELL RUSSELL:** (YELLING CONTINUES). (UNINTELLIGIBLE YELLING
17 CONTINUES) [CHAOTIC VOICES] [GAVEL]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'M GOING TO ASK THAT TIMOTHY
20 WATKINS, PAM, SARA JACKSON AND VERONICA SPIGNER, PLEASE JOIN
21 US UP HERE. OKAY. RENEE?

22

23 **RENEE RACHAL:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS
24 RENEE RACHAL. [INTERJECTIONS]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SHHH. PLEASE. [GAVEL]

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE ALLOW-- IF WE COULD-- EVERYBODY, SO
4 WE COULD HEAR RENEE. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. OKAY. GO AHEAD.

5

6 **RENEE RACHAL:** I WAS BORN AND RAISED HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I WAS
7 A CHILD LIVING IN WATTS AT THE TIME OF THE WATTS RIOTS. I
8 REMEMBER MY ELDERS CRYING IN THE STREETS, SAYING THAT WE NEED
9 A HOSPITAL BECAUSE OUR BABIES ARE DYING IN THE STREET ON THEIR
10 WAY TRYING TO GET TO THE HOSPITALS THAT WERE FURTHER AWAY. I
11 KNOW YOU'VE HEARD THIS OVER AND OVER AND I'M THE VOICE OF THE
12 COMMUNITY THAT IS SPEAKING TO YOU SAYING, HAVE MERCY. CONSIDER
13 YOURSELVES. THESE PEOPLE HAVE STRUGGLED. I KNOW YOU WERE
14 LAUGHING AT THE GENTLEMAN THERE BUT YOU DON'T KNOW THE
15 HARDSHIP IT IS LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY AND BEING A PERSON OF
16 COLOR. I'M ASKING THAT YOU KEEP THE TRAUMA CENTER OPEN, THAT
17 YOU DO THE RIGHT THING. THERE'S A SCRIPTURE IN THE BIBLE THAT
18 SAYS, AND I DON'T KNOW IF I'M QUOTING IT CORRECTLY BUT IT
19 SAYS, "TO HIM THAT HAS THE POWER TO DO GOOD AND DOESN'T, TO
20 HIM IT IS A SIN." I'M ASKING FOR MERCY. YOU HAVE PEOPLE THAT
21 ARE SINGLE PARENTS, LOW INCOME, AS SOME OF THE OTHERS
22 TESTIFIED...

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. IF YOU'D WRAP IT UP,
25 PLEASE.



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2 **RENEE RACHAL:** ...DEPRIVED. I WAS INVOLVED-- I WANT TO SAY
3 THIS, I WAS INVOLVED IN A AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT, AND IT COULD
4 HAPPEN TO ANYONE, ON MY WAY TO WORK AND I FOUND MYSELF IN KING
5 HOSPITAL. THEY GAVE ME GREAT TREATMENT, ME AND MY SON. I WAS
6 THERE FOR 17 DAYS. I WENT THROUGH THERAPY, I WENT THROUGH
7 ORTHOPEDICS. I DIDN'T SEE ANY INCOMPETENCY WITH THE DOCTORS
8 AND I JUST WANT YOU TO CONSIDER YOUR DECISION.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. MR. LESLEY? AND THEN
11 SHEILA AND THEN ABDUL. OKAY.

12

13 **THABITI AMBADA:** I'M NEXT AND MY NAME IS AMBADA.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHO?

16

17 **THABITI AMBADA:** MR. AMBADA.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, YES. OKAY, I'M SORRY.

20

21 **THABITI AMBADA:** OKAY. MY NAME IS THABITI AMBADA AND I'M A
22 REGISTERED NURSE. I DO WANT WORK AT KING DREW. KING DREW IS IN
23 MY COMMUNITY. IN MUCH OF THE DIALOGUE THAT I'VE HEARD OR READ,
24 IT SEEMS TO ME THERE'S ALMOST LIKE A COMPARISON OR AN
25 INTERCHANGE OF THE WORDS EMERGENCY ROOM AND GENERAL HOSPITAL



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1 AND COMPARING THAT WITH THE TRAUMA CENTER, AS IF SHOWING UP IN
2 THE EMERGENCY ROOM IS ALMOST A SATISFACTORY ALTERNATIVE TO A
3 TRAUMA CENTER. BOTH TRAUMA AND EMERGENCY ROOMS DEAL WITH
4 EMERGENCY SITUATIONS BUT THE SIMILARITIES END THERE. TRAUMA IS
5 BEST DEFINED AS AN EXTERNAL FORCE THROUGH ACCIDENT OR
6 VIOLENCE. TIME IS TRAUMA'S GREATEST ENEMY. YOU HAVE
7 MILLISECONDS TO DETERMINE LIFE OR DEATH. IN EMERGENCY ROOMS,
8 PATIENTS ARE TRIAGED ACCORDING TO DEGREE OF ILLNESS AND WAIT
9 TO BE SEEN FOR A SPECIALIST TO BE ROUNDED UP AND EQUIPMENT TO
10 BE FOUND. IN TRAUMA CENTERS, THE TRAUMA TEAM HAS ALREADY A
11 HEADS UP OF THE PATIENT'S INITIAL INJURY, INTRAVENOUS FLUIDS
12 ARE PRIMED, EQUIPMENT OPENED AND STAFF STANDS READY AND
13 WAITING FOR THE PATIENT TO ARRIVE. THE SPECIALIST PHYSICIAN
14 AND NURSE MEET THE PATIENT AT THE HELICOPTER OR AN AMBULANCE
15 THAT DRIVES DIRECTLY INTO THE TRAUMA UNIT, SAVING MILLISECONDS
16 THAT DETERMINE LIFE OR DEATH. IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM, PATIENTS
17 WALK OR RIDE TO X-RAY.

18
19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IF YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.

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21 **THABITI AMBAFA:** IN TRAUMA CENTERS-- THANK YOU. IN TRAUMA
22 CENTERS, THE X-RAY IS BROUGHT TO THE PATIENT. IN CLOSING, THE
23 FEW EXAMPLES MENTIONED ABOVE ARE JUST AN IDEA OF HOW CENTRAL
24 TIME IS IMPORTANT TO TRAUMA, EVEN IN A NEARBY COMMUNITY. IT IS
25 AN INSULT TO INJURY TO THINK THAT MY COMMUNITY WOULD GIVE UP



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1 STATE- OF-THE-ART TRAUMA CENTER FOR A SHORED UP EMERGENCY ROOM
2 OR TO TRAVEL TO ANOTHER COMMUNITY FOR CARE USING MORE THAN IT
3 WOULD TAKE...

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. PLEASE WRAP IT UP. YOU'RE OVER YOUR
6 MINUTE.

7

8 **THABITI AMBAFA:** ...FROM INJURY TO X-RAY, RISKING LIFE AND LIMB
9 IN THE PROCESS. ONE-- TWO MORE WORDS. CHARLES DREW, FOR WHOM
10 THE INSTITUTION IS NAMED, AND WHO DISCOVERED BLOOD PLASMA TO
11 SAVE LIVES DIED BECAUSE OF TIME WAITING FOR THE, QUOTE,
12 COLORED AMBULANCE. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT HE IS THE LAST
13 SOLDIER WE INTEND TO LOSE ON THIS BATTLEFIELD. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ASK THAT GABRIEL
16 ALVAREZ, MALICIA COCHRAN, DONNA SMITH AND M. WASIFU TANGULIFU
17 I APOLOGIZE IF I MISPRONOUNCED THAT. YES, SIR. PARDON ME?

18

19 **SHELIAH WARD:** OKAY. ARE WE READY? ARE WE READY?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE GOT CONTROL OF IT UP HERE. GO
22 AHEAD, PLEASE.

23

24 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. I'M
25 SHELIAH WARD AND, IN THE 1970S, I WAS IN AN AUTOMOBILE



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1 ACCIDENT ON WESTERN WHERE I BROKE MY LEG AND I WAS RUSHED TO
2 MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. AT THAT TIME, AT MY LAST JOB AT
3 EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY, I WAS ON BLUE CROSS, BLUE SHIELD. I WAS
4 IN MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL FOR TWO WEEKS WHEN I WAS TOLD
5 BY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS THAT I WAS IN KILLER KING. I CHECKED
6 OUT OF MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL AT THAT TIME AND WENT TO
7 U.S.-- TO U.C.L.A. BECAUSE THEY TOLD ME I WOULD GET BETTER
8 TREATMENT. WHEN I GOT TO U.C.L.A., MY TREATMENT WAS BACKLASHED
9 THREE MONTHS BECAUSE I LEFT MARTIN LUTHER KING. THE DOCTORS AT
10 MARTIN LUTHER KING, THE BLACK DOCTORS OVER THERE, ACTUALLY
11 INVENTED A NEW THING CALLED A CAST BRACE. THEY HAD JUST
12 INVENTED IT AND THEY USED IT ON ME, WHICH I DIDN'T HAVE TO
13 HAVE A FULL BODY CAST AND BE IN TRACTION FOR NINE MONTHS. I
14 WAS IN MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL FOR TWO WEEKS AND I WAS
15 ABLE TO GET OUT WITH A FEMUR FRACTURE BECAUSE OF THE WELL
16 TREATMENT, GOOD TREATMENT THAT I WAS GIVEN AT MARTIN LUTHER
17 KING WITH MY BROKEN FEMUR. AS A RESULT OF THAT, I WAS ABLE TO
18 HEAL AND TO BECOME STRONG AND I BECAME A ACTIVIST IN THIS
19 COMMUNITY. AND IF MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS HERE TODAY, HE WOULD
20 BE TURNING IN HIS GRAVE BECAUSE WE WORKED HARD AS A PEOPLE TO
21 MAKE THIS MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL WHAT IT IS TODAY AND
22 IT'S AN INSULT TO OUR INTELLIGENCE THAT THIS COMMITTEE HAS
23 EVEN THOUGHT AND TO...

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IF YOU CAN WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.



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2 **SHELIAH WARD:** ...THESE PEOPLE HAVE TO SIT HERE TODAY TO EVEN
3 TALK ABOUT HOLDING A HOSPITAL WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HUMAN
4 BEINGS OPPOSED TO ANIMALS WHERE THE ANIMAL RIGHTS HOSPITAL IS
5 STILL OPEN. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WHOEVER IS NEXT, GO AHEAD.

8

9 **ROBERT LESLEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ROBERT LESLIE. GOOD AFTERNOON
10 TO THE BOARD. LET ME JUST GO BACK REAL QUICK. I TESTIFIED LAST
11 WEEK, TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF INDICATION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT ASPECT
12 I HAVE REGIONALLY THAT THE TRAUMA CENTER HAVE USED-- OR HAVE
13 BEEN UTILIZED AND I'VE BEEN SERVED FOR THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT
14 COMMUNITY FROM THE AIRPORTS AS WELL AS FROM THE PORTS. BUT LET
15 ME JUST SAY THIS. AS I SIT AGAIN AND LISTENED TO THE TESTIMONY
16 SO ELOQUENTLY, LIKE I SAID, AND PASSIONATE FROM THE OTHER
17 PEOPLE BUT, AT THIS POINT, AS I HEARD THE RESPONSE FROM
18 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SHE INDICATED THE FACT THAT IT WASN'T--
19 IT'S NOT CLOSURE OF THIS THING OR TRYING TO CLOSE IT BECAUSE
20 OF FUNDING OR CLOSING IT BECAUSE-- DUE TO THE FACT OF
21 INCOMPETENCY, IT'S CLOSING IT BECAUSE OF THE FACT WE'RE GOING
22 THROUGH A DIVERSION ASPECT AND THAT'S REALLY SAD WHEN WE LOOK
23 AT IT. THAT'S ALMOST LIKE PUTTING THE HORSE BEFORE THE-- THE
24 CART BEFORE THE HORSE HERE, KNOWING THAT YOU GOT THE FUNDING
25 AND KNOWING THAT YOU CAN POSSIBLY RESTORE SOME TYPE A ADEQUATE



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1 TYPE OF TRAINING INTO THIS FACILITY AND STABILIZE IT, KNOWING
2 THAT THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY TYPE OF DEFICIENCY ON THE PART OF
3 THE TRAUMA CENTER.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP?

6

7 **ROBERT LESLEY:** NOT AT ALL SO, THEREFORE, WHY NOT STABILIZE THE
8 HOSPITAL AND MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTINUALLY HAVE A AMPLE AND
9 VITAL SERVICE OF THIS SERVICE FROM THE TRAUMA CENTER?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. WHO'S NEXT?

12

13 **ABDULLAH MUHAMMAD:** MY NAME IS ABDULLAH MUHAMMAD, I'M A MEMBER
14 OF THE COMMUNITY GROUP ACORN THIS IS HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF.
15 THIS REMINDS ME OF PRE-1965, THE MONTH OF AUGUST. REMEMBER, IN
16 THAT PERIOD, IN OUR COMMUNITY WHERE WE HAD NO PUBLIC SERVICE,
17 WE HAD NO JOBS, WE WERE ECONOMICALLY DEVASTATED IN OUR
18 COMMUNITY IN THIS PERIOD. SEEM LIKE WE'RE GOING BACK TO THAT
19 TIME, SEEM LIKE THE GAINS THAT WE MADE IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE
20 BEING STRIPPED AWAY FROM US BY THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GOING
21 TO TAKE AND CLOSING THIS TRAUMA CENTER. ONCE YOU CLOSE THE
22 TRAUMA CENTER, WITH ALL THE OTHER SERVICES IN THE HOSPITAL TO
23 CLOSE, THE NEXT THING IS THE RECEIVERSHIP, SO HOW LONG DO YOU
24 THINK THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO
25 TOLERATE OUR ECONOMIC RESOURCES, EVEN OUR HOSPITAL, BEING



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1 TAKEN FROM US? THAT'S WHAT 1965 AUGUST WAS ALL ABOUT. YOU
2 KNOW? AND THAT'S WHERE WE'RE NOT GOING TO STAND AROUND AND
3 CONTINUE TO LET POLITICIANS, PEOPLE THAT THEY THINK AND COME
4 IN OUR COMMUNITY KNOW MORE THAN WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT OUR
5 COMMUNITY AND DECIDE WHO LIVES, WHO DIES, WHO EATS, WHO DON'T
6 EAT. NO, IT DOESN'T WORK LIKE THAT ANY MORE AND WE'RE NOT
7 GOING TO TOLERATE IT. AND WE'RE NOT-- WHATEVER DECISION THIS
8 BOARD MAKES, REMEMBER, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LIVE WITH IT,
9 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SLEEP WITH IT, AND YOU'RE GOING TO
10 HAVE TO EAT WITH IT. BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW. YOU MIGHT BE
11 GOING DOWN ONE OF THOSE FREEWAYS OR YOUR FAMILY, WHOEVER, AND
12 YOU GET IN ONE OF THEM ACCIDENTS, LIKE PEOPLE WELL AND, HELL,
13 KING IS NOT GOING TO BE THERE FOR YOU AND THEY'RE GOING TO
14 TAKE YOU SOMEWHERE ELSE...

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **ABDULLAH MUHAMMAD:** ...AND YOU MAY DIE AND YOU MAY NOT. YOU'D
19 BE LUCKY. SO I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT ME, AS PART...

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

22

23 **ABDULLAH MUHAMMAD:** ...OF THIS ARGUMENT SAYS THAT WE'RE NOT
24 GOING TO TOLERATE THIS.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PAM, WHO'S PAM? OKAY. THANK YOU.

2

3 **ABDULLAH MUHAMMAD:** ...AND WE DESERVE...

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU. PAM.

6

7 **ABDULLAH MUHAMMAD:** ...TO LET YOU KNOW...

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'M TRYING TO GET AS MANY PEOPLE...

10

11 **ABDULLAH MUHAMMAD:** ...THAT THAT'S NOT THE WAY DIDN'T HAVE

12 TO...

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. PAM? THANK YOU. PAM. GO AHEAD. THANK

15 YOU.

16

17 **ABDULLAH MUHAMMAD:** ...WHICH HE DIDN'T HAVE TO BECAUSE YOU SAID

18 IT'S NOT ABOUT...

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YOU UNDERSTAND, YOU'RE IN THE TIME,

21 YOU JUST ARE NOT ALLOWING OTHER PEOPLE TO TESTIFY, IF THAT'S

22 WHAT YOU WANT TO DO. PAM?

23

24 **PAMELA NARCIS:** HI. MY NAME IS PAMELA NARCIS. I AM, IT IS TRUE,

25 A MEMBER OF THE N.A.A.C.P. L.A. CHAPTER. I'M ALSO THE C.E.O.



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1 AND FOUNDER OF ADELANTO COMMITTEE. MY MENTOR AND ADVISOR WAS
2 THE LATE ANITA LUGO KING. AND I JUST I WANT TO SHARE THIS TO
3 YOU, I CAME TO THE FIRST HEARING. I WAS ABLE TO EXPRESS WHAT
4 WE DISCUSSED BEFORE SHE DIED BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY THIS. I
5 HOPE AND PRAY THAT EVERYBODY HERE TAKE IT IN THEIR HEART AND
6 TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION FOR OUR COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY OUR
7 CHILDREN WHO ARE AT RISK HERE. IF THAT EMERGENCY TRAUMA IS
8 CLOSED DOWN, THEN WE ALL HAVE REALLY TO THANK YOU FOR
9 GENOCIDING OUR CHILDREN. OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE, AND,
10 WITHOUT OUR CHILDREN, THERE IS NO WORLD. 1983, MY FATHER WAS
11 ON HIS WAY TO MY HOUSE IN THE HEART OF WATTS. WE WENT STRAIGHT
12 TO CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL EMERGENCY, WHERE THEY REFUSED
13 TREATMENT. HIS DOCTOR WAS DOCTOR FREDERICK SOLE FROM PASADENA.
14 HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. ON THE WAY GOT A CALL TO SEND
15 HIM TO CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY, WHERE DR. SOLE WORKED. THEY
16 REFUSED MY FATHER. HE WENT INTO A SERIES OF STROKES AND WE HAD
17 TO GO TO ANOTHER HOSPITAL.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **PAMELA NARCIS:** THIS IS A TRAGEDY, SO WHAT I'M SAYING BECAUSE
22 I'M FORGIVING...

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

25



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1 **PAMELA NARCIS:** ...IS PLEASE, EVERYONE CONSIDER THE LOSS,
2 BECAUSE IT COULD BE YOU, ME, OR ANYONE THAT CAN HAVE A STROKE.
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SARAH JACKSON, PLEASE. THANK YOU. SARAH
6 JACKSON.

7

8 **SARAH JACKSON:** YES. MY NAME IS SARAH JACKSON AND I AM A
9 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE "SAY YES TO CHILDREN'S NETWORK." WE ARE
10 OPPOSED TO THE CLOSE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING TRAUMA CENTER
11 BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT IT WILL CAUSE MORE LOSS OF LIFE. WE
12 KNOW THAT, IN TIME-- THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE WHEN IT COMES
13 DOWN TO SAVING A TRAUMA PATIENT, SUCH AS A SHOTGUN VICTIM OR--
14 AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT WHAT I'M SAYING TO YOU IS THAT TIME IS
15 OF THE ESSENCE, AND IT WOULD INCREASE THE NUMBERS OF DEATHS.
16 AND WE'RE NOT ASKING YOU, WE ARE DEMANDING THAT YOU KEEP THIS
17 HOSPITAL OPEN BECAUSE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS MOST STREET
18 VIOLENCE IN MOST OF THE COUNTIES OF CALIFORNIA AND IT IS WELL
19 NEEDED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THE
20 COUNTY OF SOUTHERN LOS ANGELES. WE ARE SAYING TO YOU THAT YOU
21 WOULD BE AS GUILTY AS A GUNSHOT, THAT THERE'S A PERSON HOLDING
22 THE GUN, IF YOU CLOSE THIS TRAUMA CENTER.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. VERONICA, THEN GABRIEL, MALICIA
25 COCHRAN, DONNA SMITH. OKAY. IS VERONICA HERE?



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2 **VERONICA SPIGNER:** YES.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERONICA, GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** WHOEVER IS NEXT, GO AHEAD.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHOEVER IS READY TO SPEAK, JUST GO AHEAD.

9 JUST TELL US YOUR NAME.

10

11 **MALICIA COCHRAN:** MY NAME IS MELISSA COCHRAN.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, MALICIA.

14

15 **MALICIA COCHRAN:** ON OCTOBER, 2000, I HAD A STROKE AND MARTIN
16 LUTHER KING GENERAL HOSPITAL WAS THERE TO HELP ME. YOU SEE
17 BEFORE YOU A WALKING MIRACLE. IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY IF THEY
18 CLOSE THE HOSPITAL. IT WOULD BE THE WORST DEVASTATION LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY WOULD EVER HAVE. AND GOD IS LOOKING AND BOOKING
20 TO WHAT EACH OF YOU ARE DOING. YOU NEED TO LOOK WITHIN YOUR
21 HEARTS AND KEEP THE HOSPITAL OPEN. GOD PUT YOU IN THE
22 POSITIONS THAT YOU ARE IN TO WATCH OVER CERTAIN AMOUNT OF
23 PEOPLE. MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON YOUR SOULS. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. NEXT?



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2 **DONNA SMITH:** MY NAME IS DONNA...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME?

5

6 **DONNA SMITH:** DONNA SMITH.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, HI, DONNA. GOTCHA.

9

10 **DONNA SMITH:** I CAME DOWN HERE ON MY DAY OF VACATION BECAUSE I
11 WAS JUST WONDERING, WHEN DID IT BECOME A TREND FOR THE PEOPLE
12 THAT WE ELECT IN OFFICE TO NO LONGER TAKE OUR CONCERN AND TAKE
13 YOUR OWN PERSONAL AGENDA AT HAND? YOU KNOW, EVERY ONE OF YOU
14 KNOW WHEN SOMEONE IS GOING TO A TRAUMA CENTER, THAT'S NOT JUST
15 A EMERGENCY CENTER, THAT'S TRAUMA, LIFE-THREATENING. SECONDS
16 MEAN LIFE. WE ARE ASKING YOU, AS WE VOTED YOU IN OFFICE, TO
17 CONSIDER OUR SONS, OUR DAUGHTERS, OUR FATHERS, OUR MOTHERS, DO
18 NOT PUT THEM HERE TO DIE, DON'T TAKE THE ONLY HOPE AWAY FOR
19 THEM, THE KING DREW TRAUMA CENTER AND THEY'RE NOT THE PROBLEM.
20 WE'RE ASKING YOU, OPEN YOUR HEART, OPEN YOUR MIND. DO NOT
21 CONSIDER CLOSING THE TRAUMA CENTER. THAT SHOULDN'T BE AN
22 ISSUE. WHAT YOU SHOULD BE VOTING ON IS DIFFERENT WAYS, THE
23 PROPOSALS THAT HAVE COME BEFORE YOU TO SAVE IT. IF YOU WANT TO
24 VOTE TO CLOSE IT TODAY, POSTPONE IT. GIVE THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE
25 GIVEN YOU IDEAS ON HOW TO SAVE THE CENTER AN OPPORTUNITY TO



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1 GIVE YOU VALID PROPOSALS TO SAVE IT AND CHOOSE BETWEEN THOSE
2 MEASURES ON HOW TO SAVE IT, NOT TO CLOSE IT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHOEVER IS NEXT. JUST IDENTIFY YOURSELF,
7 PLEASE, FOR THE RECORD, WHOEVER WANTS TO SPEAK.

8

9 **MALE SPEAKER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, GOOD AFTERNOON, MS. MOLINA. THIS
10 IS MY SECOND TIME THAT I'VE BEEN IN FRONT OF YOU. ONE OF THE
11 FIRST THINGS I WANT TO ASSURE THAT YOU REPLACE IMMEDIATELY THE
12 TRAUMA CENTER WHICH YOU SHOULD BE AROUND THE AREA AND SEE HOW
13 MANY PEOPLE ARE SICK AROUND. THEY'RE ALWAYS BEGGING FOR MONEY,
14 THEY SICK, THEY SLEEP IN THE STREETS AND THEY NEED EMERGENCY
15 SERVICES, TOO. AT THE SAME TIME, WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT MONEY,
16 THE RICHEST STATE IN THE UNION AND IT'S CRYING FOR MONEY WHICH
17 IS GOING TO ANOTHER STATES AND ANOTHER WORLD AND WE DON'T HAVE
18 FOR OUR HOSPITAL RIGHT HERE TO REPLACE THE SERVICES
19 IMMEDIATELY, TALKING ABOUT DOCTORS, TALKING ABOUT NURSES. WE
20 HAVE THE BEST IN THE STATE, THE BEST IN THE NATION. THEY ARE
21 PROVIDING THEIR SERVICES DAY AND NIGHT. AND YOU'RE LOOKING AT
22 THE-- ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE. WHOEVER RECOMMEND TO
23 CLOSE THE TRAUMA CENTER SHOULD REPLACED IMMEDIATELY.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **MALE SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **MOLLIE BELL:** VERONICA WAS THE LAST SPEAKER AND I'M MOLLIE
7 BELL, THOUGH. SHE TOLD ME I COULD SPEAK FOR HER.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, VERONICA.

10

11 **MOLLIE BELL:** MY NAME IS MOLLIE BELL AND I'M STRAIGHT OUT OF
12 COMPTON. I GREET YOU WITH REPARATIONS IN MEMORY OF OUR
13 ANCESTORS. I ALSO WANT TO SAY TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
14 THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE. OF COURSE, A GREAT BIG THANK YOU
15 HAS TO BE ON THE RECORD FOR CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS, ALL
16 THE ELECTED OFFICIALS, ALL OF BLACK TALK RADIO FOR HELPING US
17 TO DO THIS. I BEGIN BY SAYING THE LATE GREAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER
18 KING SAID FREEDOM IS SELDOM GIVEN BY THE OPPRESSOR, IT MUST BE
19 DEMANDED BY THE OPPRESSED. WE THE OPPRESSED ARE DEMANDING THAT
20 YOU KEEP KING DREW TRAUMA CENTER OPEN. OUR OWN CONGRESSWOMAN
21 MAXINE WATERS SAYS THAT THIS MOVEMENT, WE'RE IN IT FOR THE
22 LONG HAUL, SO YOU WILL BE SEEING US. AND AS WE COME UP ON
23 THANKSGIVING AND WE ASK YOU TO KEEP THE TRAUMA CENTER, WE'VE
24 LEARNED FROM WHAT HAPPENED IN THE JEWISH HOLOCAUST, WE WILL,
25 AFTER ANY DEATH OR LOSS, WE WILL TAKE EVERYTHING INSIDE OF US



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1 TO HUNT DOWN, TO PROSECUTE EVERY MURDERER THAT'S INVOLVED IN
2 THIS, EVERY CONSPIRATOR THAT'S IN THERE AND MAKE SURE YOU'RE
3 OUT OF OFFICE. ALL OF YOUR PRAYER WARRIORS, KEEP FASTING AND
4 PRAYING BECAUSE THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES BUT ALWAYS TO GOD BE
5 THE GLORY. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT ENDS THE TESTIMONY. THE ITEM IS
8 BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR BURKE, DID YOU-- ON YOUR MOTION... [
9 INTERJECTIONS]

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO. WE... [INTERJECTIONS]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'VE GONE 10 MINUTES OVER. OKAY? I'VE GONE
14 10 MINUTES OVER. [INTERJECTIONS]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I HAVE A STACK-- I'M NOT GOING TO PICK AND
17 CHOOSE. I HAVE A STACK THIS THICK LEFT. I GAVE THE GROUND
18 RULES. I'VE GONE AN HOUR AND 10 MINUTES.

19

20 **MALE VOICE:** ONE MINUTE! ONE MINUTE!

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BURKE.

23

24 **MALE VOICE:** ONE MINUTE!

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'VE GOT A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT WANT JUST ONE
2 MINUTE.

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4 **MALE VOICE:** ONE MINUTE!

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'VE GOT A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT WANT JUST ONE
7 MINUTE. THANK YOU. [CHAOTIC VOICES]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, DO YOU HAVE A-- I GAVE
10 YOU THE RULES. IT WAS VERY CLEAR. I GAVE YOU THE GROUND RULES.
11 [INTERJECTIONS]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** MOVE AS AMENDED.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THERE'S A MOTION TO MOVE AS AMENDED.
18 WELL, AS AMENDED SO-- THE MOTION IS TO MOVE AS AMENDED BY
19 SUPERVISOR BURKE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME SEE WHAT THE AMENDMENTS ARE AGAIN.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, AT THIS POINT THERE'S...

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** ARE YOU CHANGING NOW THE AMENDMENTS?



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** THE AMENDMENTS FOR THE CONCEPT ARE STILL THE SAME.
3 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WROTE UP ANOTHER VERSION.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, THEN, WE NEED TO SEE IT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT, PLEASE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. LET'S HAVE SOMEBODY PUT THIS ALL BACK
10 TOGETHER.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU KNOW WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST, MR. CHAIRMAN?
13 WHY DON'T WE HOLD THIS FOR A FEW MINUTES. ARE THERE SOME OTHER
14 ITEMS, LIKE ADJOURNING MOTIONS, THINGS WE COULD DO?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THERE'S TWO OTHER ITEMS YOU HELD. [
17 INTERJECTIONS]

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD...

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU HELD ITEMS 16
22 AND 20.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. I'M JUST TRYING TO GET MY STUFF
25 TOGETHER. OKAY. IN THE MEANTIME, I HELD ITEM 16 16. AND I HAVE



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1 AN AMENDMENT. DOES MY STAFF HAVE THE AMENDMENT? NO? WAKE UP.
2 WHERE IS SHE? WELL, MR. CHAIRMAN, I CAN TELL YOU THAT I HAVE
3 TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS. I'D LIKE TO ASK, WHEN THE BOARD
4 ADJOURNS TODAY, THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOSEPH B.
5 COATFLY, A RETIRED CALTECH CHEMISTRY RESEARCHER, WHO WAS
6 INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING THE L.A. COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART. HE
7 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 100 AND HE WAS AN ACTIVE
8 PATRON OF THE ARTS IN MANY FIELDS AND SERVED AS A TRUSTEE OF
9 THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SYMPHONY, THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL
10 ASSOCIATION AND AS ITS BOARD PRESIDENT IN THE EARLY 1960S. HE
11 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ANN, A DAUGHTER, DAPHNE MOORE, TWO
12 GRANDDAUGHTERS AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ASK THAT WE
13 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF TERRY MELCHER, LONG- TIME RECORD
14 PRODUCER, MUSICIAN, COMPOSER, TALENT MANAGER, WHO RECENTLY
15 SUCCUMBED TO MELANOMA AT THE AGE OF 62. HE IS BEST KNOWN FOR
16 PRODUCING NUMEROUS HIT SINGLES FOR THE 1960S POP GROUPS LIKE
17 THE BIRDS, PAUL REVERE AND THE RAIDERS AND THE MAMAS AND
18 PAPAS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, ACTRESS DORIS DAY. HE'S
19 ALSO SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, THERESE, AND A SON, RYAN. THOSE ARE
20 MY TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. YOU HAVE YOUR ITEM 16 YET?

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO HOLD THAT
25 BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE THE AMENDMENT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. DO WE HAVE SUPERVISOR BURKE'S

3 AMENDMENT YET? OKAY. I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS AS WELL. THAT

4 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JACOB STONAGE AND I THINK ALL MEMBERS

5 ON THIS. MR. STONAGE PASSED AWAY NOVEMBER 17TH AFTER A SHORT

6 BATTLE WITH CANCER. HE IS THE FATHER OF OUR UNDER SHERIFF,

7 WILLIAM STONAGE, HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON, BILL. GRANDSON,

8 DEPUTY MARK STONAGE, SON-IN-LAW, DEPUTY SCOTT MASON, AND

9 GRANDSON-IN-LAW, DEPUTY ROBERT THOMPSON. SO ORDERED. ALL

10 MEMBERS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KANU PARIKH,

11 RESIDENT OF DIAMOND BAR FOR OVER 20 YEARS WHO PASSED AWAY

12 NOVEMBER 16TH AT THE AGE OF 61. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE

13 ROWLAND HEIGHTS DIAMOND BAR COMMUNITY, THE WITTIER HINDU

14 TEMPLE AND HE OWNED AN ACCOUNTING BUSINESS. HE IS SURVIVED BY

15 HIS WIFE, ANDREA, AND TWO CHILDREN. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN

16 MEMORY OF LOU DAVIS OF REDONDO BEACH, A FORMER ROTARY CLUB

17 PRESIDENT PEARL, VERY ACTIVE IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

18 OVER THE YEARS, RETIRED FROM THE ELECTRONICS BUSINESS. HE'S

19 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, PEARL, SONS MITCH AND GLEN, TWO

20 GRANDDAUGHTERS, ALISA AND ERICA. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN

21 MEMORY OF CHARLES KENNETH KEN CRANE, THE PROPRIETOR OF THE

22 HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CHAIN OF TELEVISION STORES THAT BEAR HIS

23 NAME. HE PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN

24 NUMEROUS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, A VERY HUMBLE MAN WHO

25 TREATED EVERYONE WITH RESPECT AND IS GREATLY MISSED BY ALL. HE



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1 IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO SONS, CASIE AND KENNY, HIS DAUGHTER,
2 PAM, AND HIS TWO GRANDCHILDREN. SO ORDERED. DO WE HAVE THE
3 MOTION?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE AMENDMENT TO NUMBER 16, IF I COULD
6 ASK MY STAFF TO CIRCULATE IT. THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
7 IS RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ESTABLISH A
8 QUALITY ASSURANCE UNIT WITHIN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO
9 ENSURE THAT THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS COMPLY WITH JUVENILE
10 HALL'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN. WHILE SUCH AN INTERNAL AUDIT
11 FUNCTION IS NECESSARY DURING THIS TIME OF CHANGE AND
12 ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE CHIEF
13 PROBATION OFFICERS RETIREMENT AND THE UPCOMING MANAGEMENT
14 AUDIT, IT MAY BE MORE APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE TO HOUSE THIS
15 QUALITY ASSURANCE UNIT ELSEWHERE. THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HAS
16 CREATED A CONTRACT MONITORING UNIT THAT COULD PERFORM THE
17 FUNCTIONS OF THE PROPOSED QUALITY ASSURANCE UNIT. I THEREFORE
18 MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONTINUE THE
19 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE QUALITY ASSURANCE UNIT AND
20 DIRECT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO REPORT BACK IN 21 DAYS
21 REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING THE PROPOSED QUALITY
22 ASSURANCE UNIT FOR THE JUVENILE HALL CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
23 WITHIN THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ITEM 16 HAS BEEN MOVED AS AMENDED.
2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THEN THAT WOULD REFLECT ON ITEM
3 NUMBER 20.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 20, AS AMENDED, MOVED BY
8 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE ITEM IS
10 BEFORE US.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO MOVE THE AMENDMENT THAT I
13 HAD PREPARED INITIALLY. I THINK THAT ZEV WANTED TO REWORD IT
14 BUT IT'S BASICALLY THE SAME WORDING BUT TAKING OUT THE JANUARY
15 15TH DATE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO WE HAVE A COPY OF IT?

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T SEE A JANUARY THE 15TH DATE.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** THIS IS THE LAST ONE. YES. HERE IT IS.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE LAST ONE I HAVE...

24

25 **SUP. BURKE:** HERE IT IS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE IS NO JANUARY 15TH DATE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. IT HAS NO-- THAT'S RIGHT. OKAY. THAT'S
5 THE LAST ONE. IT JUST SIMPLY-- ALL HE-- HE WANTED TO REWORD
6 IT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THERE IS NO JANUARY 15TH DATE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I DON'T SEE A JANUARY 15TH DATE, EITHER.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK-- ISN'T THIS-- DON'T YOU WANT TO
13 INCLUDE IT IN ITEM 3.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS HOW WE GOT THE CONGRESS TO GET INTO OUR
16 TAX RECORDS IS WE DON'T...

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU WANT TO INCLUDE IN ITEM NUMBER 3 THE
19 ADVISORY GROUP, DON'T YOU? IN CONSULTATION WITH NAVIGANT
20 CONSULTING AND THE ADVISORY GROUP.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** YES.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY'RE STILL WORKING ON THAT ONE?

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S ON HERE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT BACK BY
2 FEBRUARY 15TH, ON THE ADVISORY GROUPS FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATION
3 AND PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSAL.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S RIGHT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S FINE. I WOULD JUST-- OKAY.
8 THAT'S FINE.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. I WILL MOVE THE AMENDMENT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** MOVE AS AMENDED. I'M JUST MOVING THE AMENDMENT.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** VIOLET, DO YOU HAVE THIS MOTION?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** PARDON ME? I'M MOVING THE AMENDMENT.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, DON'T PUT IT BEHIND IT, PUT IT IN FRONT OF--
19 OH, I SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** YEAH. WE'RE JUST GOING BACK TO THE ORIGINAL.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE ORIGINAL IS THE ONE YOU JUST HANDED ME.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT, THAT I JUST SHOWED YOU, YES.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES AS AMENDED.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I WANT THE RECORD TO SHOW THAT I AM...

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET'S HAVE-- I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE MOTION
7 BEFORE US...

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** DO YOU WANT ME TO READ IT?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. GO AHEAD AND-- IF YOU WANT TO GO
12 AHEAD AND READ IT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S MRS. BURKE'S MOTION.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE IS GOING TO READ THE
17 MOTION.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I MAKE A SUGGESTION, MR. CHAIRMAN?
20 PERHAPS VIOLET CAN READ THE MOTION SO THAT PEOPLE IN THE
21 AUDIENCE CAN-- WHO DON'T HAVE A COPY IN FRONT OF THEM, CAN
22 HEAR IT, TOO?

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES TO: 1,



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1 ESTABLISH A GOAL FOR THE RESTORATION OF TRAUMA SERVICES IF
2 CERTAIN INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CONDITIONS ARE ALIGNED,
3 INCLUDING QUALITY, RESOURCES, PATIENT NEED AND THE MISSION OF
4 KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. 2, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN
5 THE KING DREW ADVISORY GROUP'S CHARTER: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
6 THE FUTURE OF RESIDENT TRAINING PROGRAMS AT KING DREW,
7 INCLUDING THE NUMBER AND CONFIGURATION OF TRAINING PROGRAMS AT
8 KING DREW AND A PROCESS AND TIME LINE TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.
9 RECOMMENDATIONS AND A TIME LINE FOR ACHIEVING GREATER
10 COLLABORATION AND INTEGRATION OF TRAINING PROGRAMS BETWEEN
11 KING DREW AND OTHER DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TEACHING
12 FACILITIES. AND, 3, IN CONSULTATION WITH NAVIGANT CONSULTING,
13 CONDUCT ONGOING ASSESSMENTS OF WHETHER KING DREW MEDICAL
14 CENTER CAN SAFELY PROVIDE TRAUMA SERVICES AND AT WHAT VOLUME
15 OF PATIENTS. THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD REPORT BACK BY FEBRUARY
16 15TH, 2005, ON THE ADVISING...

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S NOT IN THERE-- THAT'S NOT IN THE
19 MOTION, NO.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THEY NOW HAVE THE ONE SHE'S READING
22 FROM. THEY JUST PUT IT OFF THE XEROX, SO WHY DON'T YOU
23 CIRCULATE THEM.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S THE OLD ONE. THAT'S THE OLD ONE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE'S A CLEAN COPY COMING.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU DON'T WANT A REPORT BACK? OKAY. ALL
5 RIGHT.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** I THINK MAYBE-- I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR A SEPARATE
8 VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE AMENDMENT IS BEFORE US. WITH THE
11 DEPARTMENT SHOULD REPORT BACK BY FEBRUARY 15TH, 2005, ON THE
12 ADVISORY GROUP'S FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATION...

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ONE THAT SHE DID?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS THAT CORRECT?

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S IT. IT'S THE SAME THING.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS AN AMENDMENT TO DR. GARTHWAITE'S
21 RECOMMENDATIONS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY...

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK DR. GARTHWAITE A QUESTION. MR.
2 GARTHWAITE, THE ACTIONS THAT ARE BEING TAKEN ARE THE RESULT
3 OF, AGAIN, LOSS OF ACCREDITATION; THE FACT THAT THE
4 ANESTHESIOLOGY, SURGERY, ORTHOPEDICS ARE ON PROBATION;
5 ANESTHESIOLOGY HAVE FAILED...

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S CORRECT.

10

11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. WELL, IN ADDITION TO THE
12 ACCREDITATION ISSUES, THE NEED TO FIX VARIOUS OTHER PROCESSES
13 IN THE HOSPITAL AND TO RECRUIT ADDITIONAL STAFF TO COVER THE
14 KINDS OF PATIENTS WHO WOULD COMING UNDER TRAUMA.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND AT NO TIME HAS THERE EVER BEEN A POLICY
17 THAT THERE WOULD NEVER BE A FUTURE REOPENING OF THE TRAUMA, IF
18 THE TRAUMA-- IF THE HOSPITAL WAS ABLE TO MEET ITS
19 ACCREDITATION AND RESTORATION OF THOSE FIELDS OF...

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THAT'S CORRECT. AT LEAST, I'VE
22 CERTAINLY NEVER SAID THAT AND I'VE NEVER HEARD A BOARD MEMBER
23 SAY THAT.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THERE'S NO PROBLEM IN ESTABLISHING A GOAL.
2 THE GOAL HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO MAINTAIN HIGH QUALITY, REGARDLESS
3 OF THE LOCATION OF ANY OF THE L.A. COUNTY MEDICAL FACILITIES.

4

5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH, ABSOLUTELY. I THINK WITHIN-- YOU
6 KNOW, HOPEFULLY, WITHIN A YEAR, WE'LL HAVE A REALLY GOOD
7 HANDLE ON HOW MANY CHANGES HAVE BEEN PUT INTO PLACE WHERE THE
8 NAVIGANT TEAM HAS TAKEN THE MEDICAL CENTER, WHERE, YOU KNOW,
9 WHAT ADDITIONAL RECRUITMENT HAS ALLOWED TO HAPPEN.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE KING DREW ADVISORY GROUP'S CHARTER,
12 WHAT IS YOUR DEFINITION OF THE ADVISORY GROUP?

13

14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, I THINK I DISCUSSED WITH THE
15 BOARD THE MAKEUP OF THAT GROUP. WE HAVE A DRAFT CHARTER. I'M
16 WORKING WITH THE GROUP ITSELF. WE'VE HAD ONE PHONE CALL.
17 THEY'RE ALL, I THINK, EXCITED ABOUT COMING TOGETHER AS A GROUP
18 HERE IN EARLY DECEMBER. WE'LL FINALIZE THE CHARTER. I'M TRYING
19 TO KEEP THEM AS INDEPENDENT AS POSSIBLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT SO
20 YOU WILL RECEIVE BOTH THE DEPARTMENT'S BEST OPINION AND AN
21 INDEPENDENT GROUP WITH EXTENSIVE HOSPITAL EXPERIENCE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT DOES THE MEMBERSHIP CONSIST OF?

24



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** DR. DAVID SATCHER, FORMER SURGEON
2 GENERAL; DR. LEVY, THE VICE CHANCELLOR AND DEAN AT U.C.L.A.;
3 DR. JOE VANDERMULLEN, WHO IS SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT-- OR SENIOR
4 DEAN AT U.S.C.; HECTOR FLORES, WHO'S THE CHAIR OF FAMILY
5 PRACTICE AND HE'LL BE THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE. HE'S AT
6 WHITE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. MR. JAMES LOTT, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE
7 DIRECTOR IN THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.
8 AND I'M PROBABLY MISSING ONE.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** DR. DRAKE?

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** OH, YES. AND MICHAEL DRAKE, WHO IS THE
13 SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF
14 CALIFORNIA SYSTEM STATEWIDE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE RECOMMENDATION, A TIMELINE FOR
17 ACHIEVING GREATER COLLABORATION, INTEGRATION OF TRAINING
18 PROGRAMS BETWEEN THE-- KING DREW AND THE OTHER D.H.S. TEACHING
19 FACILITIES, IS THAT NOT NOW ALREADY BEING DONE WITH THE
20 INVOLVEMENT OF U.S.C. AND U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE?

21

22 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YOU KNOW, MANY OF THOSE TALKS AND
23 DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY. THERE IS A COMMITTEE THAT DR. DRAKE
24 ALREADY HEADS LOOKING AT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AT KING
25 DREW MEDICAL CENTER AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER



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1 UNIVERSITIES, THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM FACILITIES--
2 UNIVERSITIES.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE CONSULTATION WITH NAVIGANT CONSULTING
5 AND THE ADVISORY GROUP, THAT IS AN ONGOING PART OF THE MOTION
6 THAT YOU BROUGHT BEFORE THIS BOARD, IS IT NOT?

7

8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. AND THE MAJOR PART OF THE CHARGE
9 IS TO HAVE THIS ADVISORY GROUP OVERSEE THE PROGRESS AND THE
10 DIRECTION THAT NAVIGANT IS TAKING, SO THAT IT'S NOT JUST, YOU
11 KNOW, THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW, SO THAT THE BOARD AND THE
12 DEPARTMENT ARE INFORMED BY THIS INDEPENDENT BODY.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WAS NOT THIS PART OF YOUR RECOMMENDATION
15 TO THE BOARD?

16

17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IT IS. IT WAS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE'RE JUST BEING REDUNDANT. THE QUESTION
20 OF REPORTING BACK. IF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TAKES ACTION
21 TODAY TO DO THE DECOMPRESSION OF TRAUMA CARE, WHEN DOES THAT
22 EFFECTIVE DATE BEGIN?

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE WOULD BEGIN TO DECREASE THE NUMBER
25 OF PATIENTS SEEN ON DECEMBER 1ST. IT WOULD TAKE US PROBABLY 60



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1 TO 90 DAYS TO COMPLETE THE FULL TRANSITION. THAT MIGHT BE
2 HASTENED IF THE JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITATION IS ACTUALLY
3 WITHDRAWN. WE WOULD PROBABLY BE WINDING UP THAT PHASE-OUT
4 RIGHT AROUND 1ST OF FEBRUARY.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHEN WE HAVE A REPORT BACK BY FEBRUARY
7 15TH, THE DECOMPRESSION WILL NOT BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED UNTIL
8 FEBRUARY?

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, IT WILL START DECEMBER 1ST, SO WE
11 WILL HAVE SOME IDEA. I ASSUME IT WILL BE SIGNIFICANT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT, AS FAR AS THE RESTORATION OF-- I THINK
14 THAT THE FEBRUARY 15TH DATE IS TOO EARLY OF A DATE, WHEN YOU
15 CONSIDER THAT THIS BECOMES EFFECTIVE THE FIRST PART OF
16 FEBRUARY. SO IT SHOULD BE 60 DAYS FROM FEBRUARY.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** TO DO WHAT? TO RESTORE?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO, NOT TO RESTORE IT BUT TO HAVE A
21 REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS BECAUSE YOU WOULD NOT HAVE HAD
22 THE TRAUMA DECOMPRESSION TAKING EFFECT UNTIL...

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THAT'S ALREADY IN THE NAVIGANT-- THAT'S
25 ALREADY IN THE CONTRACT ANYWAY.



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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S KIND OF A STATUS REPORT AT THAT POINT
5 IN TIME.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT, AS FAR AS-- THAT IS THE STATUS REPORT SO
8 THAT THE COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDS, THAT'S A STATUS REPORT ON WHAT
9 THE BOARD HAS ASKED FOR. IT'S NOT A STATUS REPORT THAT TRAUMA
10 BECOMES REINSTITUTED BY FEBRUARY 15TH.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER THINGS THAT MAY-- THAT
15 WE HAVE TO KNOW ABOUT THAT WILL OCCUR BETWEEN JANUARY 1ST, THE
16 FIRST ASSESSMENT REPORT, AND FEBRUARY 15TH. WE WILL-- THERE
17 ARE SOME OTHER ISSUES. OBVIOUSLY, THE J.C.A.H.O. ISSUE, WE
18 WOULD HAVE TO KNOW WHERE THAT FITS IN AND A NUMBER OF OTHER
19 THINGS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE COMMUNITY OUGHT TO KNOW THAT FEBRUARY
22 15TH IS NOT THE DATE THAT TRAUMA IS RESTORED AT MARTIN LUTHER
23 KING HOSPITAL.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THAT.



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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S RIGHT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY SHOULD BE VERY CLEAR ON THAT, THAT WE'RE
5 LOOKING AT A MANAGEMENT REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND
6 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RELATIVE TO THE ONGOING OPERATIONS AT
7 THE HOSPITAL AND IT'S NOT A RESTORATION OF TRAUMA ON THAT
8 DATE. THE BOARD'S CONCERN IS THAT WE WILL HAVE TRAUMA WHEN THE
9 HOSPITAL MEETS ALL OF THE CODES AND IS OFF THE-- IT'S FULLY
10 ACCREDITED. BUT THAT IS AT A TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THOSE
11 RESULTS, NOT BY A FEBRUARY 15TH DATE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST TO BE CLEAR.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. FORTNER, THIS MOTION, AS AMENDED THEN,
18 WOULD NOT HAVE ANY IMPACT ON THE BEILENSEN PROCESS, IS THAT
19 CORRECT?

20

21 **RAY FORTNER, COUNTY COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
22 BOARD, THAT IS CORRECT. IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ACTION
23 YOU'VE TAKEN AND THE NOTICES GIVEN.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. FIRST OF ALL, THEN, WE'LL
2 VOTE ON THE AMENDED, AMENDED-- AMENDMENT. OKAY. ROLL CALL,
3 PLEASE.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY CAN'T IT BE ALL PART OF...

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, OKAY. ALL RIGHT. I THOUGHT YOU WERE
8 GOING TO..

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAD ASKED THAT THE AMENDMENT BE VOTED ON FIRST
11 SINCE THERE WERE QUESTIONS ABOUT IT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S ALL PART OF THE MOTION BECAUSE IT'S
14 WHAT...

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. DO YOU WANT THE WHOLE THING?

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** I'M ASKING FOR A SEPARATE VOTE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A MOTION ON THE AMENDMENT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, THAT'S FINE.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ROLL CALL.

25



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, JUST TO CLARIFY AND IT
2 SHOULD INCLUDE THE REPORT BACK BY FEBRUARY 15?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, YES, RIGHT.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SO, ON THE AMENDMENT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

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14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THEN SUPERVISOR KNABE?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE MOTION CARRIES.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE'S MOTION ON THE AMENDMENT
4 PASSES FIVE/ZERO. OKAY. NOW, THE FULL ITEM, AS AMENDED. ROLL
5 CALL?

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** ABSTAIN.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AYE. MOTION PASSES FOUR/ZERO WITH ONE
2 ABSTENTION. OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS,
3 PLEASE. ALSO, YOU HELD AN ITEM, THOUGH, TOO, DIDN'T YOU?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. I DID.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ITEM 14.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN
10 IN THE MEMORY OF LEO BABICH, WHO WAS RETIRED... [GAVEL] [
11 INTERJECTIONS]

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE, IF YOU CAN LEAVE QUIETLY. THANK
14 YOU. IF YOU CAN LEAVE QUIETLY, THANK YOU. [INTERJECTIONS]

15

16 **AUDIENCE CHANTING:** SAVE KING DREW! SAVE KING DREW! SAVE KING
17 DREW! SAVE KING DREW! SAVE KING DREW! SAVE KING DREW! SAVE
18 KING DREW! [CHAOTIC VOICES] [CHANTING]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF WE COULD HAVE YOU LEAVE QUIETLY, PLEASE.
21 WE STILL HAVE BUSINESS TO CONDUCT. [INTERJECTIONS CONTINUE]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IF YOU CAN-- WE STILL HAVE... [
24 INTERJECTIONS CONTINUE]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE STILL HAVE BUSINESS TO CONDUCT. WE STILL
2 HAVE BUSINESS TO CONDUCT. [INTERJECTIONS CONTINUE]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. [INTERJECTIONS CONTINUE]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. [INTERJECTIONS CONTINUE]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, COULD YOU ASK THE DEPUTIES TO ASK
11 EVERYONE TO PLEASE TAKE A SEAT?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF YOU'RE GOING TO STAY, IF YOU COULD TAKE
14 YOUR SEATS, PLEASE. WE STILL HAVE BUSINESS TO CONDUCT. [
15 INTERJECTIONS CONTINUE]

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS TAKE A SEAT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A FIVE-MINUTE
20 RECESS. [GAVEL] [AUDIO OFF THEN ON] >SUP. MOLINA: ARE WE BACK
21 ON? I THINK WE CAN PROCEED. I KNOW THAT MR. KNABE IS ON HIS
22 WAY BACK IN. HERE HE IS.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. ANTONOVICH, YOUR
25 ADJOURNMENTS, PLEASE.



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1
2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, IN MEMORY OF LEO BABICH, WHO PASSED
3 AWAY THIS PAST WEEK. HE WAS RETIRED FROM THE BANK OF AMERICA
4 AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF INVESTMENTS. HE WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN
5 A NUMBER OF CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS AND INCLUDING THE BOARD OF
6 INVESTMENTS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION,
7 THE ARBITRATION PANEL, AS WELL AS MANY OTHERS. HE WAS QUITE
8 INVOLVED IN THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY. EDWARD WORSHOKA, WHO WAS A
9 FREELANCE FILM EDITOR FOR 38 YEARS FROM LA CANADA. HE WAS BORN
10 IN HUNGARY AND HAS LIVED IN LA CANADA FOR MANY, MANY, MANY
11 YEARS. ANGELA KATHLEEN NAOS, WHO TAUGHT FOR 35 YEARS AT JOHN
12 MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL. SHE WAS A DEVOTED TEACHER AND COLLEAGUE.
13 DUNCAN WOO. HE ORIGINALLY WORKED FOR HIS FAMILY-OWNED WOO-LEE
14 PRODUCE BUSINESS AND LATER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND
15 POWER, WHERE HE RETIRED AFTER 34 YEARS OF SERVICE. TERRY
16 MECHLER, WHO WAS A RECORDING EXECUTIVE AND ALSO CO-AUTHOR OF
17 THE WRITER OF THE SONG, COCOAMO, WHICH THE BEACH BOYS MADE
18 INTO A MILLION SELLER. JEANNIE YELTIN, SHE WAS THE PRIORESS OF
19 CAMP WILLIAMS, OPENED HER RESORT TO HUNDREDS OF INNER CITY
20 CHILDREN SO THAT THEY WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF
21 EXPERIENCING THE OUTDOORS. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 56.
22 REED IRVINE, WORLD WAR II VETERAN. HE CREATED AND DEVELOPED
23 ACCURACY IN THE MEDIA, A.I.M. AND HE PASSED AWAY THIS PAST
24 WEEK AND ONE OF THE NICE TRIBUTES WAS FROM ONE OF THE MAJOR
25 NEWSCASTERS WHO DOES NIGHT LINE.



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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO IS THAT?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHO DIED?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHO DOES NIGHT LINE.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TED KOPPEL?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, TED KOPPEL HAD SOME COMPLIMENTARY WORDS
11 ON HIM BECAUSE HE HELPED TO TRY TO BRING FAIRNESS TO THE
12 MEDIA. DR. ABUMONIAN GARBER MOHAMMED, WHO WAS ON THE
13 INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND
14 MEMBER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HUMAN RELATIONS TASK FORCE. HE
15 WORKED VERY HARD TO REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE
16 ECUMENICAL RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PROMOTE THE PEACE AND
18 SECURITY IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AARON MYRON ROTHENBERG,
19 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. HE WAS-- BEGAN MANY YEARS AGO
20 WITH THE LOS ANGELES JUNIOR SYMPHONY BUT HE WAS IN CHARGE OF
21 MARKETING FOR MANY OF THOSE YOUNG CHILDREN'S HEROES IN THE
22 PAST, HOPALONG CASSIDY, GENE AUTRY AND PINKIE LEE. HE WAS IN
23 CHARGE OF THE MARKETING OF THEIR-- SYLVIA TULLY BROWN, WHO WAS
24 DEDICATED TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND HE STARTED DIRECTION SPORTS,
25 A PROGRAM AIMED AT IMPROVING LEARNING SKILLS AND SELF-ESTEEM



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1 THROUGH WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN DISADVANTAGED AREAS. HIS
2 PROGRAM SPREAD NATIONWIDE, ASK HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR OVER 12
3 MILLION CHILD HOURS OF SERVICE THAT SAVED MANY LIVES, AND HE'S
4 SURVIVED BY HIS FIVE CHILDREN AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO
5 MOVE WE ADJOURN IN THEIR MEMORY AND THEN ITEM...

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...NUMBER 16, IF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD COME
10 UP. I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ITEM 14. ZEV, THIS IS YOUR ITEM, IT WAS
13 HELD BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GIVEN THE HARDSHIP EXPERIENCED BY THIS
16 HOMEOWNER, I FULLY SUPPORT THIS REQUEST. BUT, IN THE PAST, HAS
17 THE BOARD BEEN ASKED TO WAIVE VARIANCE FEES FOR RESIDENTS AND
18 WHOSE HOMES HAVE BURNT DOWN IN A FIRE AREA?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, I BELIEVE, BACK IN 1994, THE BOARD PASSED
21 THE MOTION RELATED TO THE NORTHRIDGE DISASTER TO WAIVE BOTH
22 PLANNING AND BUILDING AND SAFETY FEES. THAT WAS BASED ON THE
23 PREMISE THAT F.E.M.A. WOULD REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR THOSE
24 FEES. I'VE BEEN INFORMED THAT F.E.M.A. HAS NOTIFIED THE COUNTY



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1 THAT, IN THE FUTURE THEY MAY NOT DO THAT, SO THAT WOULD BE IN
2 THE FUTURE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF THOSE
5 FEES?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THE FEES FOR THIS SPECIFIC-- APPROXIMATELY \$5,300.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE VARIANCE REQUEST FOR THIS RESIDENT,
10 IS THAT SIMILAR TO THE VARIANCE APPLICATIONS EXPECTED FROM THE
11 RESIDENTS OF PALMER CANYON THAT LOST THEIR HOMES IN THE RECENT
12 FIRE?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, AS YOU KNOW, THE BOARD HAS ASKED US TO
15 DEVELOP A COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO
16 THE PALMER CANYON SITUATION, WHICH WE HAVE DRAFTED SUCH A
17 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT THAT WE'RE TALKING WITH THE
18 COMMUNITY ABOUT. THAT ANTICIPATES THAT THERE WILL BE SOME
19 PLANNING REVIEW REQUIRED, PROBABLY NOT TO THE LEVEL OF A
20 VARIANCE. IF THE BOARD WISHED TO WAIVE THOSE FEES, THE BOARD
21 WOULD HAVE TO PASS A RESOLUTION TO DO SO.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS I SAID, I FULLY SUPPORT THIS REQUEST WHEN
24 AN INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCES A PROBLEMS AS THEY
25 DID HERE. AS YOU KNOW, WE LOST 42 HOMEOWNERS IN THE



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1 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF PALMER IN THAT SAN GABRIEL FIRE AND
2 THEY'RE GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS NOW, SO I WOULD SECOND THE
3 MOTION.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, LET ME UNDERSTAND THIS, THOUGH. THIS IS FOR
6 A VARIANCE?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT. A VARIANCE TO STANDARDS.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE THEY WANT TO MEET THE OLD STANDARD?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES. THEY CAN'T MEET THE NEW STANDARD.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT TO UNDERSTAND. THERE'S A DIFFERENCE HERE.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT
19 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, FOR-- I HAVE TWO MOTIONS. ONE,
22 ON FRIDAY, AT APPROXIMATELY 12:30 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 12TH, 24-
23 YEAR-OLD NEIL HACKER WAS FOUND SHOT AND KILLED INSIDE HIS
24 PLACE OF BUSINESS AT THE CRITICAL CAR CARE DETAIL SHOP IN
25 QUARTZ HILL. THE SHERIFF'S HOMICIDE IS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE



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1 FROM ANYONE WHO COULD HAVE INFORMATION TO AID THIS
2 INVESTIGATION, SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD OFFER AN AWARD--
3 REWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE
4 ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR
5 THE MURDER OF NEIL HACKER ON NOVEMBER 12TH, 2004, INSIDE HIS
6 PLACE OF BUSINESS AT CRITICAL CARE CAR DETAIL SHOP LOCATED AT
7 4848 QUARTZ HILL ROAD IN QUARTZ HILL. I MAKE THAT AS A MOTION.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT
10 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN, MR. CHAIRMAN, THE INTERSECTION OF 45TH
13 STREET WEST AND AVENUE "N" IN LANCASTER. IT'S NEW TWO SCHOOLS
14 AND A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE FUTURE OF AN ALBERTSON'S GROCERY
15 STORE, IT WAS ALSO THE SITE OF A DEADLY ACCIDENT WHICH
16 OCCURRED LAST WEDNESDAY MORNING. CURRENTLY CONTROLLED ONLY BY
17 A TWO-WAY STOP SIGN FOR MOTORISTS ON 45TH STREET WEST. PUBLIC
18 WORKS OFFICIALS HAVE NOW CONDUCTED A STUDY AND RECOMMENDED, IN
19 AUGUST, THAT A TRAFFIC SIGNAL BE INSTALLED AT THE LOCATION IN
20 JANUARY 2006. I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 PUBLIC WORKS TO EXAMINE ITS DATA AND TRAFFIC STUDIES TO
22 EXPEDITE THAT INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THAT
23 LOCATION.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S FOR NEXT WEEK, RIGHT?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MR. CHAIRMAN.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE
9 ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DO. I HAVE THREE. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE
12 ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF VALENTIN G. RAMOS, THE BELOVED
13 HUSBAND OF A LONG-TIME COMMUNITY MEMBER AND CHILD CARE
14 ADVOCATE, CECILIA RAMOS, WHO IS THE ADMINISTRATOR AT THE
15 BURLINGTON SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR
16 DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY. I ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN
17 IN LANCE CORPORAL VICTOR R. LOU, WHO DIED WHILE COURAGEOUSLY
18 SERVING HIS COUNTRY IN IRAQ. CORPORAL LOU WAS A MEMBER OF THE
19 THIRD BATTALION, THE FIFTH MARINE REGIMENT, THE FIRST MARINE
20 DIVISION AND THE FIRST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM CAMP
21 PENDLETON. HE GREW UP IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS AND GRADUATED FROM
22 BRAVA HIGH SCHOOL. HIS MANY DECORATIONS INCLUDED THE PURPLE
23 HEART, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM, THE SEA SERVICE DEPLOYMENT
24 RIBBON AND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. WE WANT TO
25 EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND EXPRESS OUR



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1 DEEPEST GRATITUDE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VICTOR'S PROFOUND
2 SACRIFICE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
7 MARINELAND'S CORPORAL, RUIZ FIGARO, OF LOS ANGELES WHO WAS
8 KILLED IN THE LINE OF THE DUTY IN IRAQ WHILE HONORABLY AND
9 COURAGEOUSLY SERVING HIS COUNTRY. CORPORAL FIGARO A MEMBER OF
10 THE THIRD BATTALION, THE FIRST MARINE REGIMENT AND THE FIRST
11 MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE BASED IN CAMP PENDLETON AS WELL. WE
12 WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND
13 EXPRESS OUR SOLEMN GRATITUDE FOR THIS YOUNG MAN WHO MADE THE
14 ULTIMATE SACRIFICE ON BEHALF OF OUR COUNTRY.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. SO ORDERED.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT IS ALL I HAVE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
23 MEMORY OF GEORGE JAY PEYTON, A 20-YEAR-OLD LANCE CORPORAL
24 MARINE CORPS. CORPORAL PEYTON WAS FROM CULVER CITY. HE DIED
25 NOVEMBER 14TH IN AL-ANBAR PROVINCE. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE



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1 THIRD BATTALION, FIFTH MARINE REGIMENT, FIRST MARINE DIVISION,
2 FIRST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE AT CAMP PENDLETON. AND
3 CERTAINLY THIS IS JUST ONE OF THOSE TRAGIC, TRAGIC DEATHS OF A
4 VERY YOUNG MAN IN IRAQ SERVING HIS COUNTRY. AND, SECOND, IT'S
5 CERTAINLY WITH A GREAT DEAL OF DISTRESS THAT I REPORT GUY
6 BLACKBURN AND HE-- THE PASSING OF GUY BLACKBURN AND HE WAS ONE
7 OF THE GREATEST TRACK AND FIELD STARS IN THE HISTORY OF
8 JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT
9 BERKELEY. HE PASSED AWAY ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, AT THE AGE
10 OF 72. HE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF LEIMERT PARK, A MEMBER
11 OF WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. HE RETIRED AS AN AEROSPACE
12 WORKER AFTER MORE THAN THREE DECADES ON THE JOB. HE IS
13 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, THERESA BLACKBURN, SISTER MILDRED
14 BLACKBURN HAMILTON, A BROTHER, BILLY BRAY, THREE DAUGHTERS,
15 MELANIE, THERESA BLACKBURN- HART, MARCIA BLACKBURN-DAVENPORT,
16 JONATHAN DAVENPORT, JUSTIN DAVENPORT, LAUREN THOMAS, RYAN
17 HART, RICHARD THOMAS, III, AND A NUMBER OF COUSINS, NIECES,
18 NEPHEWS AND A HOST OF FRIENDS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
21 DID HIS ALREADY, SO WE'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENTS. THAT TAKES
22 CARE OF THE AGENDA. IS THAT CORRECT? LEONARD ROSE, OMACIA
23 MORRIS, AND LARRY ROSS. MR. ROSE, GO AHEAD.

24



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1 **LEONARD ROSE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, ALL BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS
2 LEONARD [UNINTELLIGIBLE]. I GOT ONE PAPER EACH YOU GUYS ABOUT
3 THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, [UNINTELLIGIBLE] YOU KNOW THE WAY OF
4 THE MASTER.COM THAT COME ON EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT-- EVERY
5 SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 12:30 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M. AT CHANNEL 40 TBN
6 AND THEY SUPPORT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. AND I GOT A PAPER, EACH
7 ONE OF YOU GUYS ABOUT SAFETY FAIR FOR OUR YOUTH, YOU KNOW. WE
8 WANT L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT AND L.A. COUNTY FIRE
9 DEPARTMENT, CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, AMERICAN RED CROSS, GO
10 SAFETY FAIR IN YOUR PARK AND HELP THE COMMUNITY KEEP KIDS
11 SAFE, YOU KNOW? WE WANT PEOPLE TAKE A C.P.R. FIRST AID CLASS
12 IN THE NEAREST HOSPITAL AND AMERICAN RED CROSS AND COLLEGE
13 TEACH THIS AND I GET THIS BOOK, IT COSTS \$5, THIS BOOK,
14 AMERICAN RED CROSS, YOU LEARN C.P.R., FIRST AID, YOU KNOW? AND
15 I STUDY AT MOSSBACK COLLEGE, AMERICAN RED CROSS, FIRST AID,
16 RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY. THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS TO
17 LEARN AT COLLEGE, YOU KNOW, AND LEARN HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR
18 BODY, AND LOSE WEIGHT. I'M DOWN 197.5, YOU KNOW, UNDER 200
19 POUNDS, YOU KNOW, AND TAKE CARE OF YOUR TEMPLE AND EAT
20 VEGETABLES, EAT FIBER, CEREAL, YOU KNOW, AND OATS, YOU KNOW,
21 AND TAKE CARE OF YOUR TEMPLE, YOU KNOW, AND EAT RIGHT AND STAY
22 HEALTHY AND EXERCISE, AND WHEN YOU GO GYM, YOU KNOW, YOU
23 EXERCISE, YOU LOSE WEIGHT, YOU KNOW, AND YOU CAN LIVE LIKE
24 JACK LALANNE, LIVED 80, 90 YEAR OLD, YOU KNOW, AND HE'S STILL
25 HEALTHY, TOO. AND I LEARNED FROM IT THAT WE WANT THINGS TO GET



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1 BETTER FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND I HOPE TRAUMA CENTER OPEN IN L.A.
2 BECAUSE IT'S VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE NEVER KNOW WHAT DANGER
3 COMING AHEAD OF US, LIKE EARTHQUAKE OR TERRORIST THREAT IN
4 ANOTHER STATE BUT WE NEED TO BE AWARE OF THESE THINGS AND KIDS
5 NEED TO WEAR THEIR HELMET, KNEE PAD, ELBOW PAD AND FIRST AID
6 CLASS, YOU KNOW, AND SAVE A LIFE, MANY DANGER AND PARK
7 RECREATION COULD TRAIN THEM AND D.A.R.E. PROGRAM, THANK YOU
8 FOR D.A.R.E. PROGRAM, AND SCHOOL, HELP EDUCATING KIDS, YOU
9 KNOW? AND THANK YOU FOR VERY MUCH HELPING OUR COMMUNITY. THANK
10 YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. BYE.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ULMA CIA.

13

14 **UMACIA LETRICIA MORRIS-GAF:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS
15 UMACIA LETRICIA MORRIS-GAF AND YOU'VE DONE YOUR DASTARDLY DEED
16 BUT I DON'T WANT IT TO GO WITHOUT A COMMENT FROM ME. AFTER
17 OBSERVING THIS BOARD AND THE ACTIONS OF THIS BOARD, WHAT I
18 HAVE CONCLUDED, WITHOUT A DOUBT, IS THAT THIS BOARD HAS A
19 POLICY OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR THE EXCELLENCE OF THE WORK THAT
20 WAS DONE AT KING. I WAS SAVED AT KING. BUT, FOR YOU ALL, IF
21 IT'S EXCELLENT, THAT MEANS YOU HAVE TO CUT DR. GARTHWAITE AND
22 CLOSE DR. GARTHWAITE AND KILL DR. GARTHWAITE. WHAT WE HAVE
23 SEEN IS YOUR ADJOURNMENTS FOR THOSE WHO DIED IN IRAQ BUT WHAT
24 ABOUT THOSE THAT YOU ARE PROPOSE TO KILL HERE? WHAT IS THE
25 BODY COUNT HERE? WE HEARD ON MONDAY FROM A SISTER WHO SAID HER



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1 BROTHER DIED BECAUSE YOU TOOK HIM TO CEDARS-SINAI INSTEAD OF
2 TO THE CLOSEST HOSPITAL AT KING. THAT'S A BODY COUNT. THE SAME
3 AS IRAQ AND WE BEGRUDGE EVERY DEATH! NOT ONLY IRAQ BUT OUR
4 BROTHERS AND SISTERS THAT YOU DOGS PROPOSE TO KILL HERE! [
5 SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

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7 **UMACIA LETRICIA MORRIS-GAF:** OKAY? NOW, WHILE I WAS ON THE
8 INTERNET THIS MORNING, I CAME ACROSS THREE HOSPITALS AND THIS
9 IS INFORMATION YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW. ONE, LONG BEACH
10 COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. TWO, NORTHRIDGE MEDICAL HOSPITAL-- CENTER.
11 THIS IS IN VAN NUYS. CLOSED. CLOSED. OKAY? BUT THERE WAS
12 ANOTHER NAME ATTACHED TO THEM. CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL. OKAY? SO
13 WHAT DO THEY HAVE IN COMMON? THEY'RE PARENT COMPANIES. ALL
14 THREE. CATHOLIC, HEALTHCARE, WEST. HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO MAKE
15 CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL STAY OPEN TO SERVE US? YOU DON'T. HOW DO--
16 I MEAN, IS THERE ANY QUESTION THAT THAT SKID ROW POPULATION IS
17 GOING STILL GO TO COUNTY GENERAL?! THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT
18 YOU'RE GOING TO LET US IN THE DOOR! THIS IS PURE,
19 UNADULTERATED FILTHY, DOWNTOWN POLITICS! ONE MORE. THERE WAS
20 ANOTHER NAME I CAME ACROSS, DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY. THEY RAN TWO
21 HOSPITALS, ONE WHICH YOU SAY IS GOING TO HELP WITH THE TRAUMA
22 CENTER, ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL. WELL, THEY RAN ANOTHER HOSPITAL,
23 R.F.K., KENNEDY CENTER. WHAT ABOUT KENNEDY? IT'S CLOSED.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IF YOU CAN WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.



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2 **UMACIA LETRICIA MORRIS-GAF:** ALL RIGHT. SAFETY NOT, NOT FROM
3 YOU SWINE. WE GET NOTHING!

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [INTERJECTIONS] [CHANTING]

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MR. ROSS.

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9 **LEONARD ROSS:** YES. MY NAME IS LEONARD ROSS. [CHANTING
10 CONTINUES]

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. ROSS.

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14 **LEONARD ROSS:** THE SUBJECT WILL BE DENIAL OF RIGHTS IS A DENIAL
15 OF JUSTICE, AN OPPORTUNITY TO BETTER ONESELF. ABANDONMENT OF
16 DEMOCRACY, ABANDONMENT OF DEMOCRACY. THE RESULT, ABUSES AND/OR
17 VIOLATIONS OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS. ELEVATIONS OF
18 THE ABUSERS WHO ARE IN POSITIONS OF SUPERIOR RIGHTS AND THE
19 ABUSED AND HIS FAMILY TO A POSITION OF NO RIGHTS. [CHANTING]

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21 **LEONARD ROSS:** SOMETHING THAT A DEMOCRACY WOULDN'T TOLERATE,
22 ESPECIALLY THE ONES STARTED HERE WITHIN THE BORDERS OF THESE
23 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. ABANDONMENT OF DEMOCRACY. WHY? TO
24 ESCAPE DETECTION AND LIABILITY, TO PERMIT AN ILLEGITIMATE
25 ARRANGEMENT, CALL IT FILTH AND MIND, WHERE RECOGNITION OF



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1 PERSON AND PROPERTY RIGHTS IS ARBITRARILY EXERCISED AND ONLY
2 TO BENEFIT THE OPPRESSORS AND THEIR LAURELISTS, ABANDONMENT OF
3 DEMOCRACY. FOR WHAT? TO ALLOW CORRUPTED, RACIST, EGOTISTICAL,
4 GREEDY, SATANISTIC DOGS TO MAKE A MOCKERY OF THE PRINCIPLES
5 UPON WHICH THIS NATION WAS FOUNDED AND MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE
6 LAIN DOWN THEIR LIVES TO DEFEND. ABANDONMENT OF DEMOCRACY.
7 WHY? TO HARM A MAN AND HIS FAMILY. ABANDONMENT OF DEMOCRACY.
8 WHY? TO ALLOW COUNTY CLANS AND/OR CLANS COUNTY TO PRETEND THAT
9 THEY ARE THE GREATEST THINGS TO WALK UPON THIS EARTH. WITHOUT
10 THEM, THE EARTH WILL CEASE ITS ROTATION AND THE SUN WILL CEASE
11 SHINING ITS RADIANT LIFE-SUSTAINING ENERGY. SURE. RIGHT.
12 CONCLUSION. NO ONE ELSE WILL BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR MY IDEAS.
13 WHAT IS MINE IS MINE. TO LESSEN MY IMPORTANCE AND BOAST THE
14 WORTH OF CLANS COUNTY AND/OR COUNTY CLANS AND/OR THEIR WENCHES
15 AND OLD BOYS UNKNOWINGLY OR KNOWINGLY. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, LARRY. LUIS HERNANDEZ, DAVID
18 MURPHY.

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20 **LUIS HERNANDEZ:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON-- GOOD EVENING. YEAH, I'M
21 PROFESSOR LUIS HERNANDEZ, AND I'M A RETIRED TEACHER FROM NEW
22 YORK CITY AND A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF L.A., CALIFORNIA,
23 SINCE 1998. AND, FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR, I WAS LIVING AT ALLEN
24 RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME AT 1022 WEST FLORENCE AVENUE. THAT'S HAD
25 FIRE COMPLAINTS FOR SECURITY AND HEALTHY VIOLATIONS IN THE



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1 LICENSED FACILITY. THE OWNER, HERSTOFF, AND OTHERS RETALIATE
2 AGAINST ME BY FALSELY ACCUSING ME OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, ASSAULTED
3 A FEMALE RESIDENT WHO LATELY DECLARED THAT SHE WAS FORCED TO
4 DO IT. I ALSO WAS TWICE ASSAULTED BY ANOTHER RESIDENT WHO
5 FALSELY ACCUSED ME OF BEING THE PERPETRATOR/INSTIGATOR. IN
6 JULY 2004, I WAS TRANSFERRED TO A NEW RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME IN
7 L.A. BUT THE OWNER, DOLORES ALLEN, HER STAFF AND OTHERS
8 CONTINUED TO RETALIATE VICIOUSLY AND MALICIOUSLY, SUPPORTING
9 THE DEFENDANTS OF LAWSUITS I HAVE FILED IN THE SUPREME COURT
10 OF CALIFORNIA. AND THESE DEFENDANTS ALSO-- ARE ALSO
11 RETALIATING AND THEY ARE TRYING TO PUT ME IN PRISON BY USING
12 THEIR ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND LEGAL POWER AND THEY'RE BRINGING
13 TRUMPED-UP CHARGES AGAINST ME. I AM IN SUPPORT OF MR. GARY
14 DAVID BARNETT, WHO IS NEXT TO ME, WHO SUFFER-- WHO IS
15 SUFFERING THE SAME-- HE WAS ALSO ACCUSED-- FALSELY ACCUSED AND
16 THEY'RE HARASSING HIM AND SAME LADY. AND THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE
17 FOR.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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21 **LUIS HERNANDEZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SOMEBODY FROM MAYBE HEALTH
24 SERVICES, DEPARTMENTAL AFFAIRS.

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1 **LUIS HERNANDEZ:** THE DEFENDANTS OF MY FILE, I USED TO WORK-- I
2 RETIRED FROM NEW YORK CITY AS A TEACHER AND I CAME TO
3 CALIFORNIA. I GOT MY REAL ESTATE LICENSE AND STARTED WORKING
4 FOR A REAL ESTATE COMPANY.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MR. MURPHY. IS MR. MURPHY
7 HERE? OKAY. MR. BARNETT, YOU LAST SPOKE ON THE SEPTEMBER 7TH.
8 YOU'RE ALSO GOING TO SPEAK AGAIN-- WE HAVE YOU AGAIN ON
9 DECEMBER 7TH, OKAY?

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11 **MR. BARNETT:** THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CHARLES BRISTER. AFTER MR.
14 BRISTER, IF YOU'LL READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION, VIOLET.

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16 **CHARLES BRISTER:** YES. YEAH, I WAS REAL CONCERNED ABOUT THE
17 VOTE AND THE LOSS OF LIFE THAT WILL TAKE PLACE AS A RESULT OF
18 THE VOTE, PEOPLE HAVING TO TRAVEL FURTHER AWAY WITH ONLY
19 MINUTES TO LIVE. I THINK IT'S GOING TO COST A LOT OF LIVES. I
20 HEARD THAT ABOUT 2,300 TRAUMA CENTER PATIENTS GO TO KING AND
21 ABOUT 90% ARE SAVED. THAT'S PRETTY GOOD. 90%. BUT NOW WITH
22 THIS EXTRA DRIVE, MAYBE ONLY HALF OF THOSE WILL BE SAVED, SO I
23 HOPE YOU GUYS WILL CONSIDER WHAT NUMBER OF LIVES WILL HAVE TO
24 BE LOST IN ORDER TO MAYBE TRIGGER A DECISION TO KEEP THE
25 TRAUMA CENTER OPEN AND TO FULLY STAFF THAT HOSPITAL RATHER



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1 THAN JUST CLOSE IT. I HOPE THERE'S A NUMBER THAT COMES UP IN
2 MIND, YOU KNOW, ONCE IT GETS UP TO 500 OR A THOUSAND, MAYBE
3 YOU GUYS WILL DECIDE TO-- WELL, THAT'S TOO MUCH. I HOPE YOU
4 GUYS REALLY CONSIDER THAT. THERE WAS A CASE IN WASHINGTON,
5 D.C., WHERE I WAS VERY PROUD OF OUR POLITICIANS AND THAT
6 INVOLVED THE GENOCIDE IN SUDAN. APPROXIMATELY TWO MILLION
7 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED UNDER THAT RADICAL GOVERNMENT OVER
8 THERE AND CONGRESS VOTED 422-TO-2 FOR THE SUDAN PEACE ACT. ONE
9 KEY PROVISION OF THAT ACT WOULD HAVE PREVENTED OIL COMPANIES
10 FROM DOING BUSINESS IN SUDAN FROM TRADING ON THE U.S. MARKETS.
11 IDEA BEING THAT SUDAN USES OIL PROFITS TO BUY WEAPONS TO KILL
12 OFF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE. THAT'S WHAT FUNDS THIS ONGOING
13 HOLOCAUST. 422-TO-2 OUR CONGRESSMAN VOTED THAT, ACROSS ALL
14 RACIAL, POLITICAL LINES. TWO PEOPLE BLOCKED THAT MEASURE: ALAN
15 GREENSPAN AND GEORGE BUSH. SO WHEN I HEAR GEORGE BUSH TALK
16 ABOUT MORAL VALUES, I HAVE TO LOOK AT WHAT HE ACTUALLY DID.
17 SO, SINCE THEN, ABOUT 300,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THAT
18 COUNTRY. NOW YOU GUYS HAD A DECISION TO MAKE TODAY. I HOPE YOU
19 GUYS REALLY CHECK YOUR OWN MORAL VALUES AND CONSIDER IF THAT
20 WAS THE BEST DECISION THAT YOU CAN MAKE. IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE
21 MADE, IT WASN'T REQUIRED THAT THE TRAUMA CENTER BE CLOSED. SO
22 THAT'S JUST SOMETHING THAT YOU GUYS DECIDED TO DO BASED ON ONE
23 PERSON'S RECOMMENDATION. THERE WERE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS
24 GIVEN. THE PRIMARY ONE I THINK IS TO FULLY STAFF THE HOSPITAL,
25 MAKE SURE YOU'VE GOT ENOUGH NURSES THERE TO DO THE JOB, FIX UP



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1 THE ELECTRICAL OUTLETS, THINGS LIKE THAT. SO THERE WERE MANY
2 ALTERNATIVES TO CLOSING DOWN THE TRAUMA CENTER. SO I HOPE YOU
3 GUYS REALLY TAKE A LOOK AGAIN AT YOUR OWN MORAL VALUES,
4 CONSIDER THE NUMBER OF-- THE LOSS OF LIFE THAT WILL TAKE
5 PLACE. YOU KNOW WHAT L.A. TRAFFIC IS LIKE, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO
6 DIE ON THE WAY TO HOSPITALS FURTHER AWAY AND IT DOESN'T NEED
7 TO HAPPEN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, CHARLES. VIOLET, IF YOU'LL READ
10 US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
13 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-
15 1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
16 LITIGATION, ITEM CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
17 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AND ITEM CS-3,
18 CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF
19 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.
20 AND ALSO CONTINUATION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING ITEM AS INDICATED
21 ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON NOVEMBER 23, 2004

The Board of Supervisors met today in Closed Session. The following action is being reported:

CS-3. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957)

Consideration of candidates for appointment to the position of Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures.

Action Taken: Pursuant to County Code Section 2.06.010, the Board waived the provisions of former Sections 2.06.020 through 2.06.030 and appointed Kurt Floren to the position of Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures, effective January 18, 2005, and instructed the Director of Personnel to negotiate an annual salary. The Board also instructed the Director of Personnel to execute an at-will employment contract which is approved as to form by the County Counsel subsequent to approval of an annual salary for Kurt Floren by the Board of Supervisors.

The vote of the Board of Supervisors was unanimous with all Supervisors being present.



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That the foregoing transcript of recorded proceedings was taken on Tuesday, November 23rd, 2004, at the time and place therein set forth and recorded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and supervision;

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I further certify that I am neither counsel for nor related to any party to said action, nor in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of November, 2004.

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